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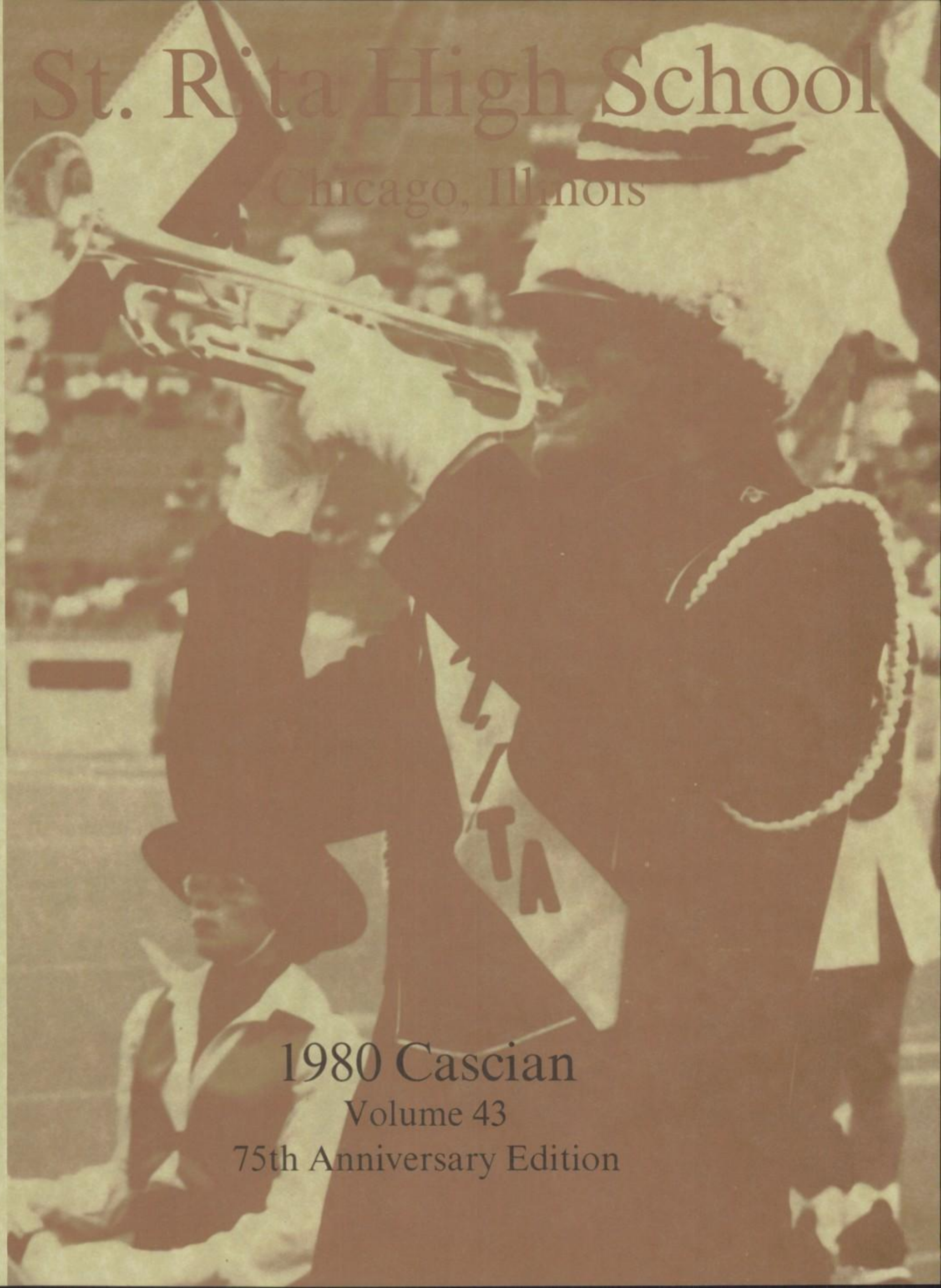
ANNIVERSARY 1905-1980

St. Rita High School

Chicago, Illinois



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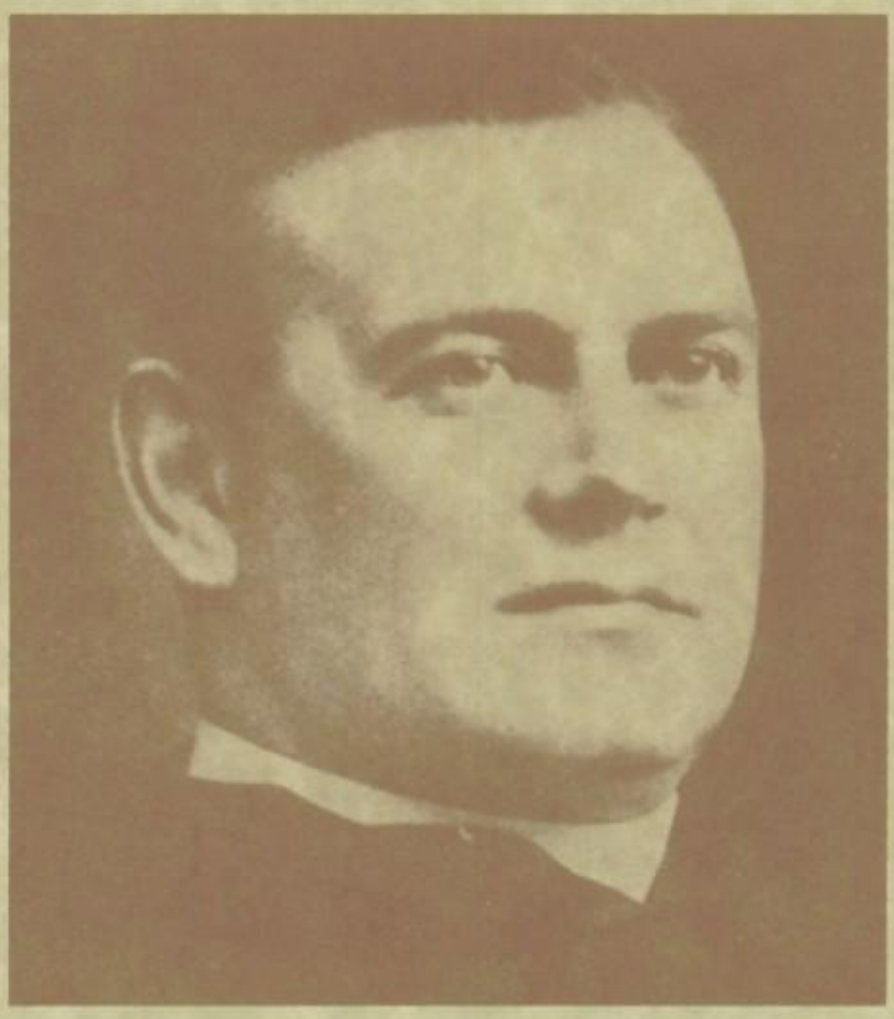
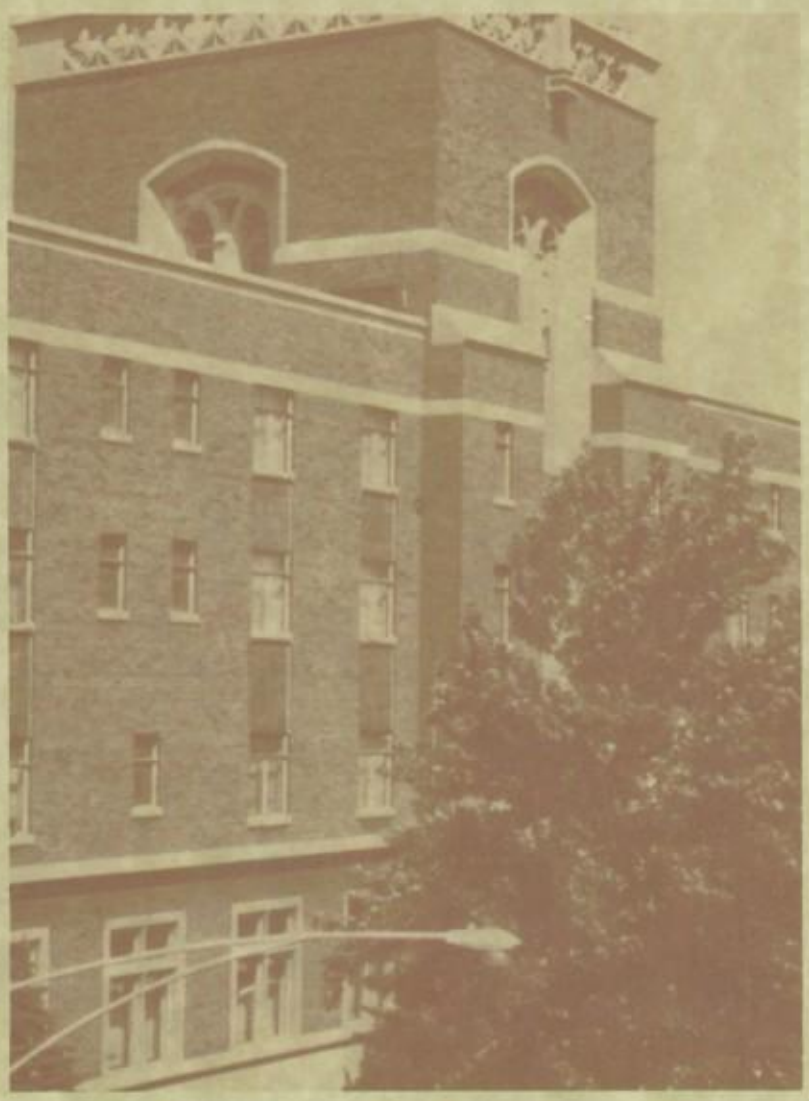
On July 13th, 1905, Rev. James Francis Green, O.S.A., the first religious superior for the Augustinians in the Midwest, was granted a charter by the Illinois State Legislature to build a college and a high school.

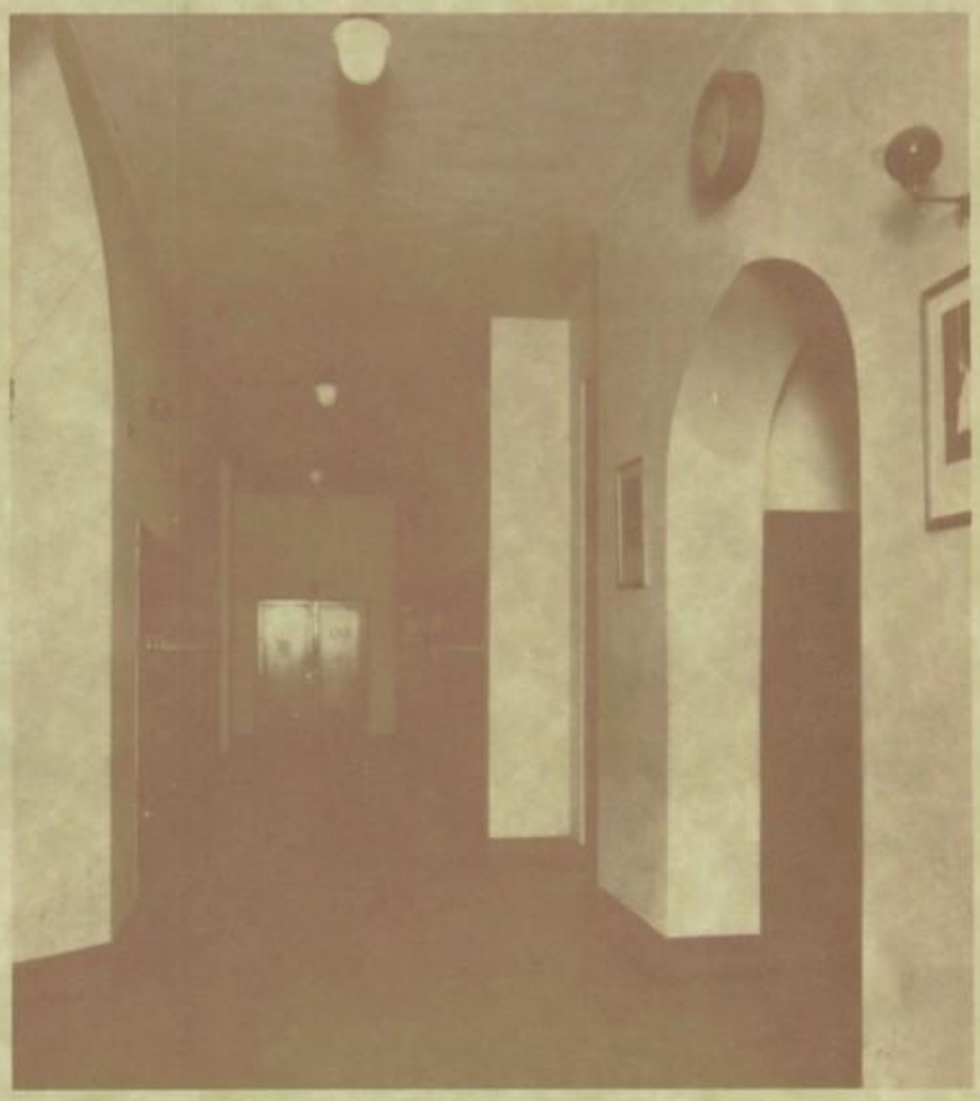
After the charter was granted, ground was broken in September of 1905, and Father Green, the school's first principal, laid the cornerstone in October. Six months later, on April 22, 1906, the building was finished and was called St. Rita College. The school was dedicated to St. Rita, a 15th Century nun who earned her reputation for heroic sanctity as a member of the second order of St. Augustine in Cascia, Italy.

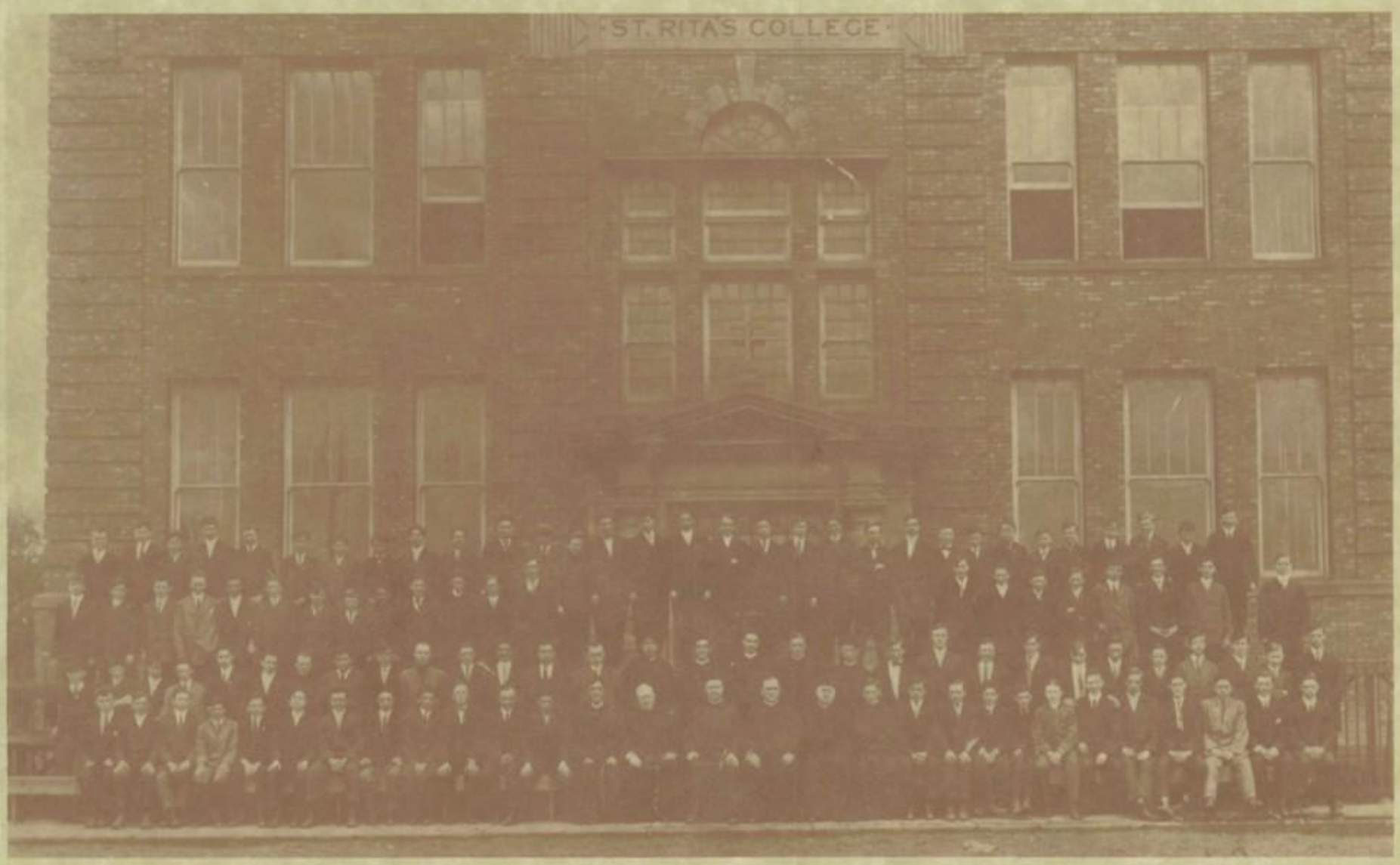
In September 1906 St. Rita, a combination school, parish church, and rectory, registered 14 students to its two-year business course and four-year college preparatory course. It was a two-story building with a chapel on the first floor, and classrooms and Augustinian living quarters on the second floor.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: (1) Fr. James Green — the school's founder and first principal; (2) The new monastery; (3) Egan Hall before its 1940 expansion; (4) one of the school's first student bodies; (5) Egan Hall — 1926; (6) the football stadium, the monastery, and a back view of Egan; (7) the football field before concrete stands were built.







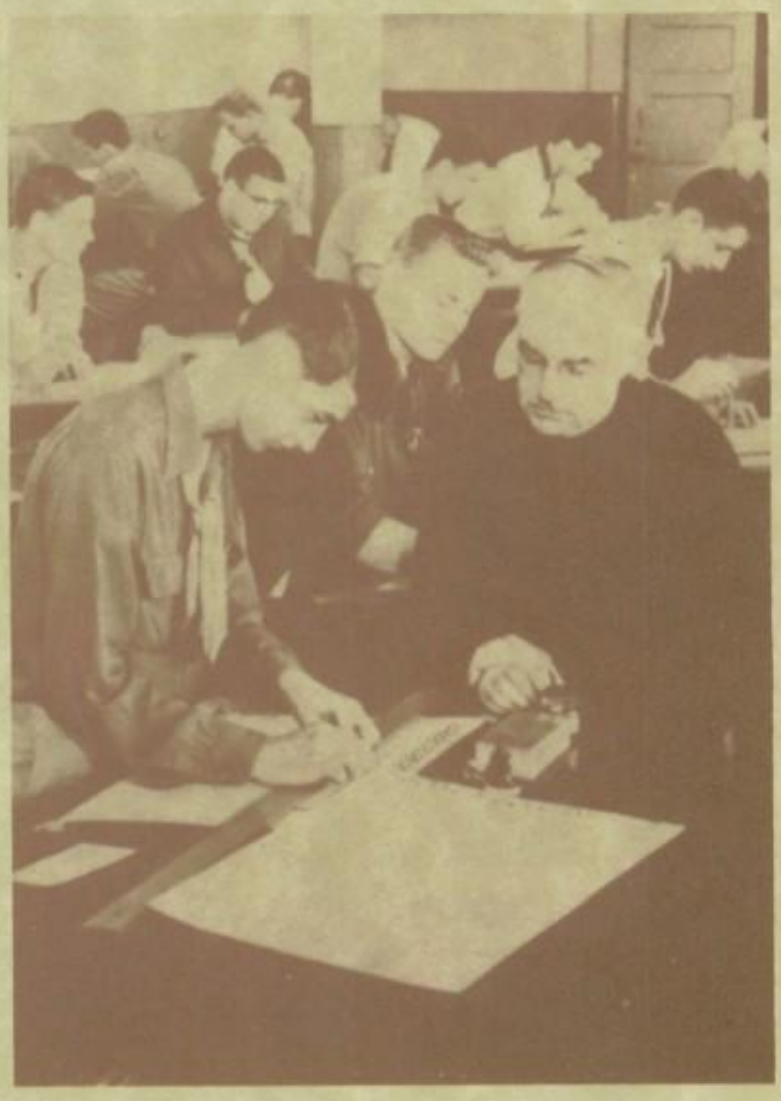
Soon after the structure was in use, a third floor was added to the school, and it housed more classrooms and more living quarters for the priests.

St. Rita High School began to grow rapidly while the college never really got off the ground. Hopes for its establishment were soon abandoned when the high school began to grow. In June of 1908, the school was ready to produce its first graduating class — one student. Joseph Coppinger completed the two-year business program and was the only graduate that year.

Fr. William Egan became the principal in 1922 and started the school's expansion process by building a gymnasium. In September of 1920, 193 students were registered, and in 1923 the gymnasium was completed and dedicated to Fr. John J. Harris, who was the athletic director from 1920 to 1927. The school began to take its present shape after the gym was built.

Fr. Egan felt that the school also needed more modern classrooms and science laboratories. Egan Hall went under construction and was completed in September 1926, was three stories high, and had many classrooms along with many science labs.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: (1) student using the chemistry lab which was once located in Egan Hall; (2) Drafting — one of the many technical courses offered; (3) students participated in the short-lived music course; (4) cafeteria before remodeling; (5) aeronautics course: " . . . from the technical emphasis of carpentry, electricity, and refrigeration to an academic emphasis of English, Math, and Science."



Father Joseph B. Kepperling became Principal of the school and died only three years after he was appointed chief administrator. He was succeeded by Fr. Harris, the ex-athletic director. Old structures such as the library and the football stadium were remodeled under their administrations.

Fr. Harris was succeeded by Fr. Ruellon P. Fink whose main objective was to increase the school's population. In 1936, he introduced a technical program to the school's curriculum and increased the enrollment from 385 to 464 in one year.

To house the new technical courses, the Mendel Technical Building was built in 1938. This addition was not the end of the school's physical espansion, however — Egan Hall was expanded. The original structure extended only to the present Room 107 — Rooms 100 to 106 were added in the expansion.

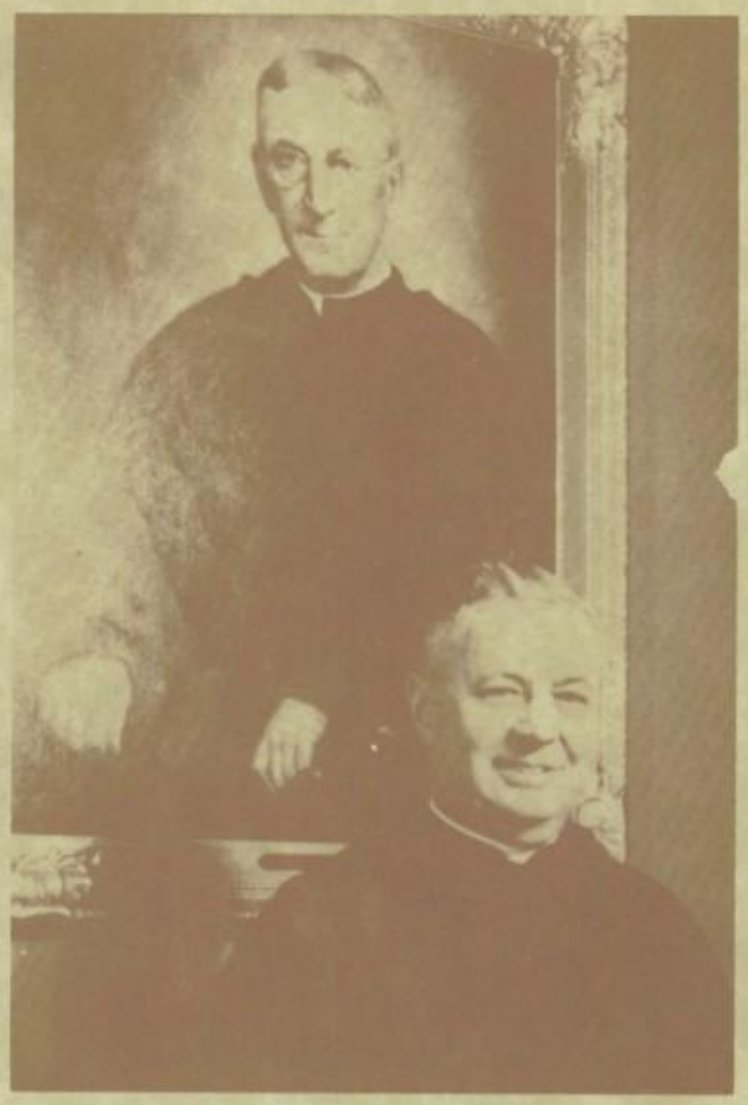
The new technical course, the remodeled stadium, and the modern laboratories all contributed to the school's increased enrollment of of 2,000 by 1953. Fr. Fink's dream of increasing the enrollment had been achieved.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: (1) An early emphasis on the the basics of business; (2) students excercising in the newly built gym; (3) woodshop — still a thriving technical course; (4) auto shop — once popular, now inactive course; (5) one of the school's earliest graduating classes.

Fifty years had passed since the opening of the school, and Rita was celebrating its Golden Anniversary. The school continued to see expansion as the enrollment called for more teachers — both lay and religious. To house the growing number of priests, a new monastery went under construction in April of 1947 and was completed in September of 1949.

Under Fr. Fink's twenty-one year reign as principal, the school's technical program flourished and became one of the best in the city of Chicago.

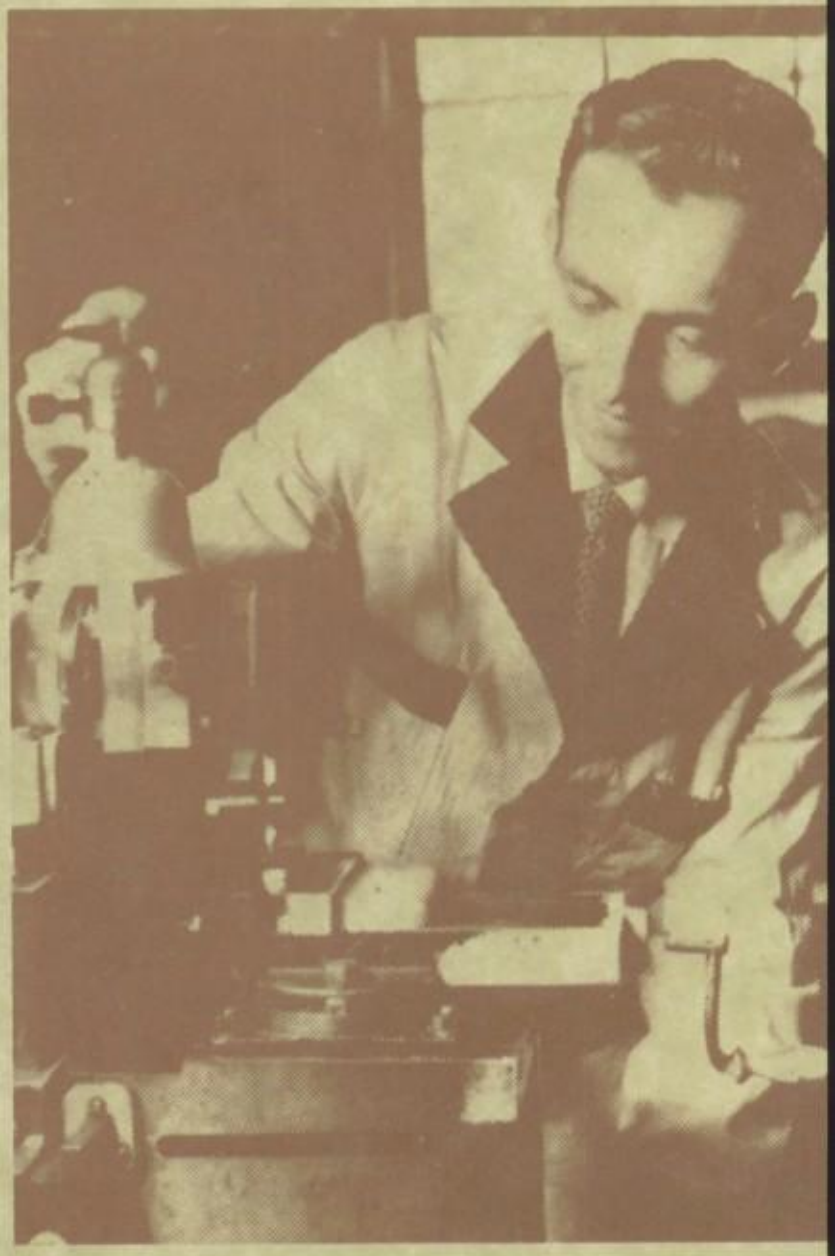
The nation's educational mood was taking a different course, however; it was in 1957 that Russia put its first satellite, Sputnik I, into orbit. The United States became worried that Russia was advancing in the field of technology, and the nation immediately started to question its educational values. Education, because of the fear that the United States was no longer "Number One" in the field of technology, shifted from the technical emphasis of carpentry, aeronautics, and refrigeration to an academic emphasis of English, Math, and Science. Reform was taking place all over the United States including St. Rita, when in 1956, Fr. John E. McLaughlin became the new principal and proposed that the school should stress academics and theology more. This changing of values started the shedding of St. Rita's technical school image.



In the 1960's, programs such as the metal shop, the refrigeration course, and the auto shop began to fade as the students' interest in them began to dwindle.

The St. Rita faculty had to adjust to the transition as well. Teachers were needed to teach languages and science, and a new emphasis was placed on English and Theology. The Honors program also started to flourish at Rita, and soon the ratio of lay teachers to Augustinians was 50-50.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: (1) Fr. Ruellon P. Fink — a twenty-one year reign and a flourishing technical program; (2) seventeen year English Department Chairman Mr. Donald Racky and English honor students; (3) Fr. Mario Porecca and Fr. LaVern Flach (Principal 1971-1979) look over student's records; (4) twenty-six year Rita teacher Mr. Florian Dodge in the old Metal Shop; (5) one of the first groups of Augustinians at St. Rita; (6) Modern faculty — a new emphasis on Theology.



St. Rita's athletic program has also striven to keep up with the traditions of excellence found in its 75 years of academic success.

Football rose from floundering seasons of 1908-1920 with the 1923 Chicago City Championship, competitive seasons through the 30's and 40's including the 1946 team that went 7-0-0, and the 1963 National Championship football team.

Baseball dominated the Catholic League, with championships in 1922, 1923 and 1927, seven of ten Chicago Amateur Baseball League championships from 1930 to 1940, then a triumphant return to a succession of Catholic League championships in the '40's and 50's under Fr. J. J. O'Malley.

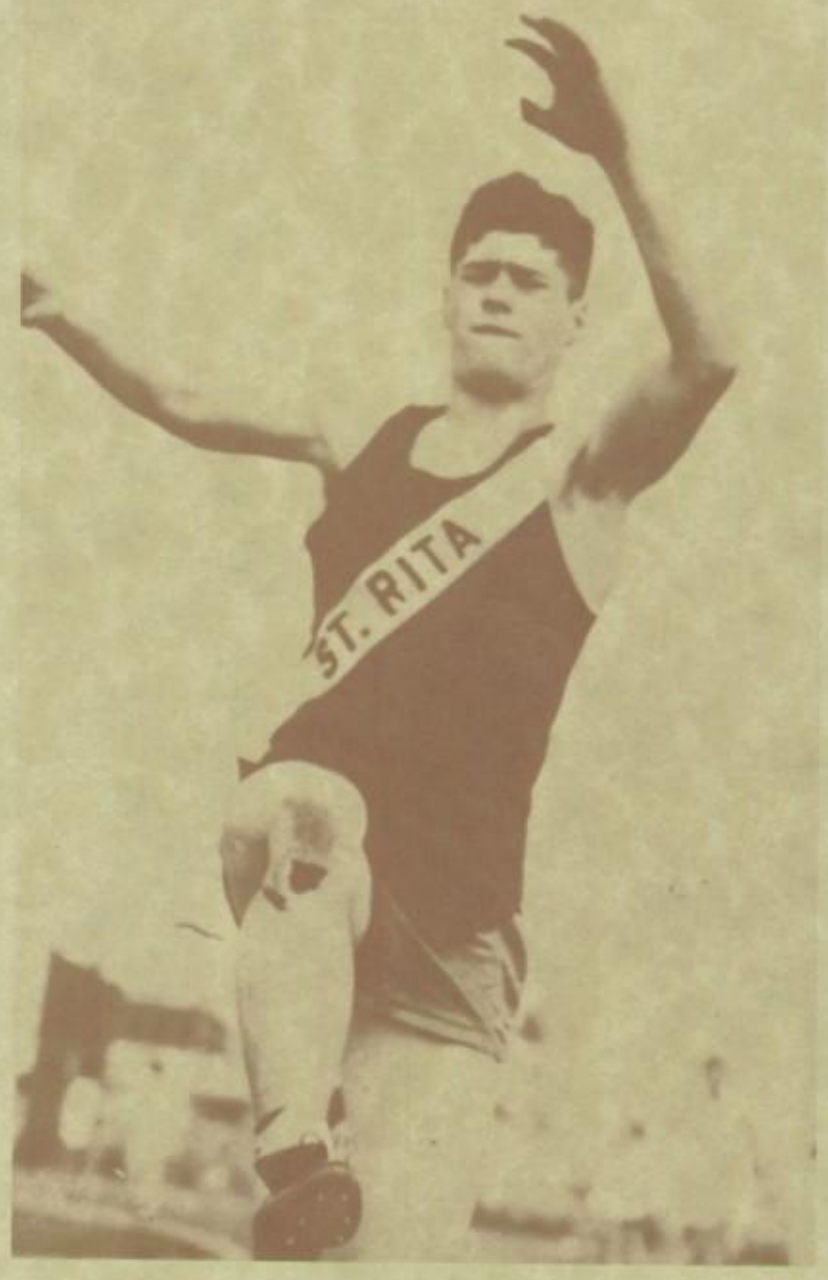
Many years of competitive basketball reached a varsity climax with the 1961 City Championship team with other great teams as well — the 1953 junior champs, the 1970 light champs, and so on.

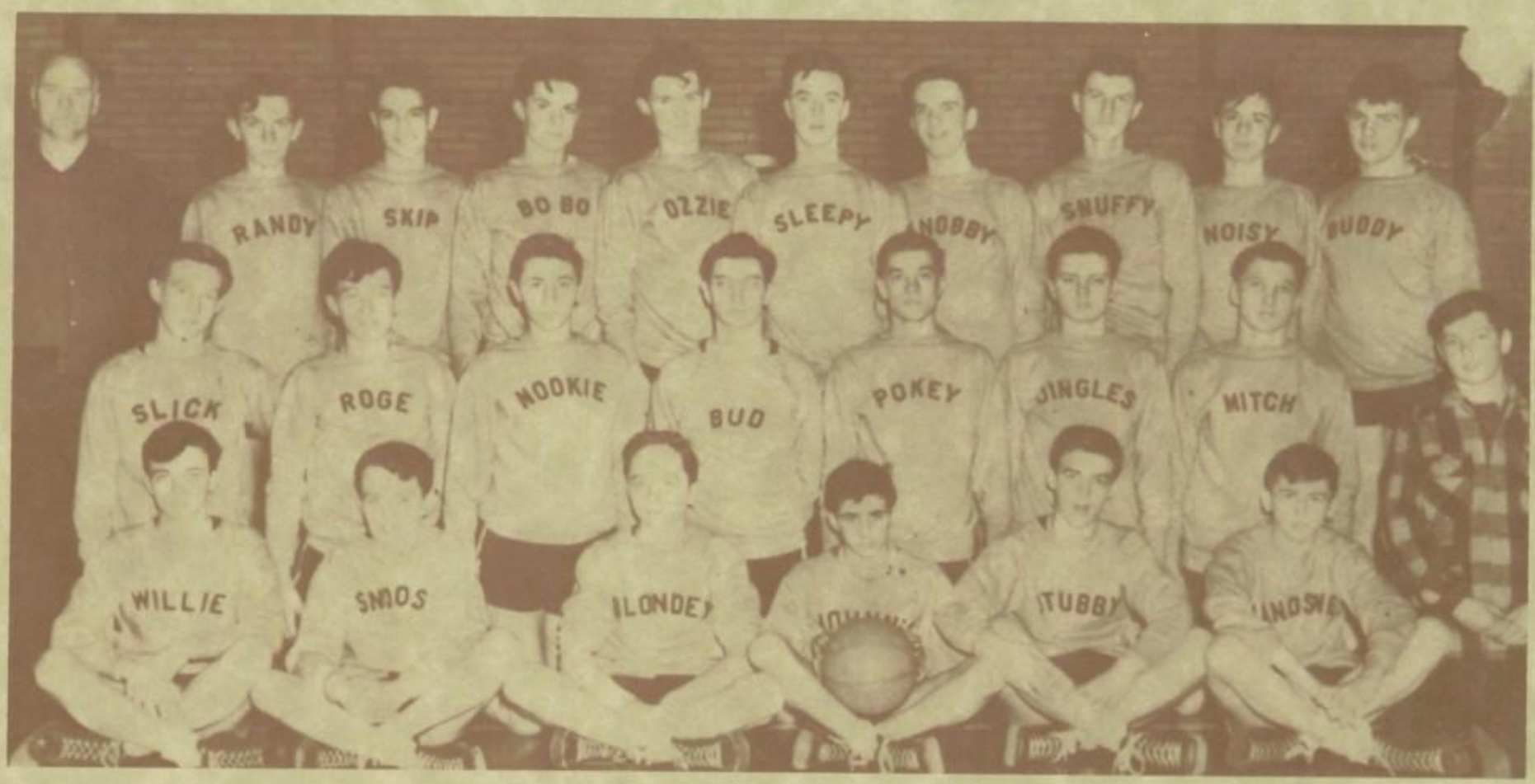
And today, football owns four City Championships and the 1978 State crown. In the decade of the 1970's baseball continued to win with the '76 league crown and the '77 IHSA District championship, basketball rose up to a 21-6 record in 1978 and continues to win in prestigious state holiday tournaments, track and field has experienced a rebirth at Rita in the era of the 1980's.

Cross-Country has come into its own with two straight state district wins and state ranking in 1979; hockey won the '75 league championship and third in the Illinois AA Tourney of 1980, and soccer won the '77 league crown.

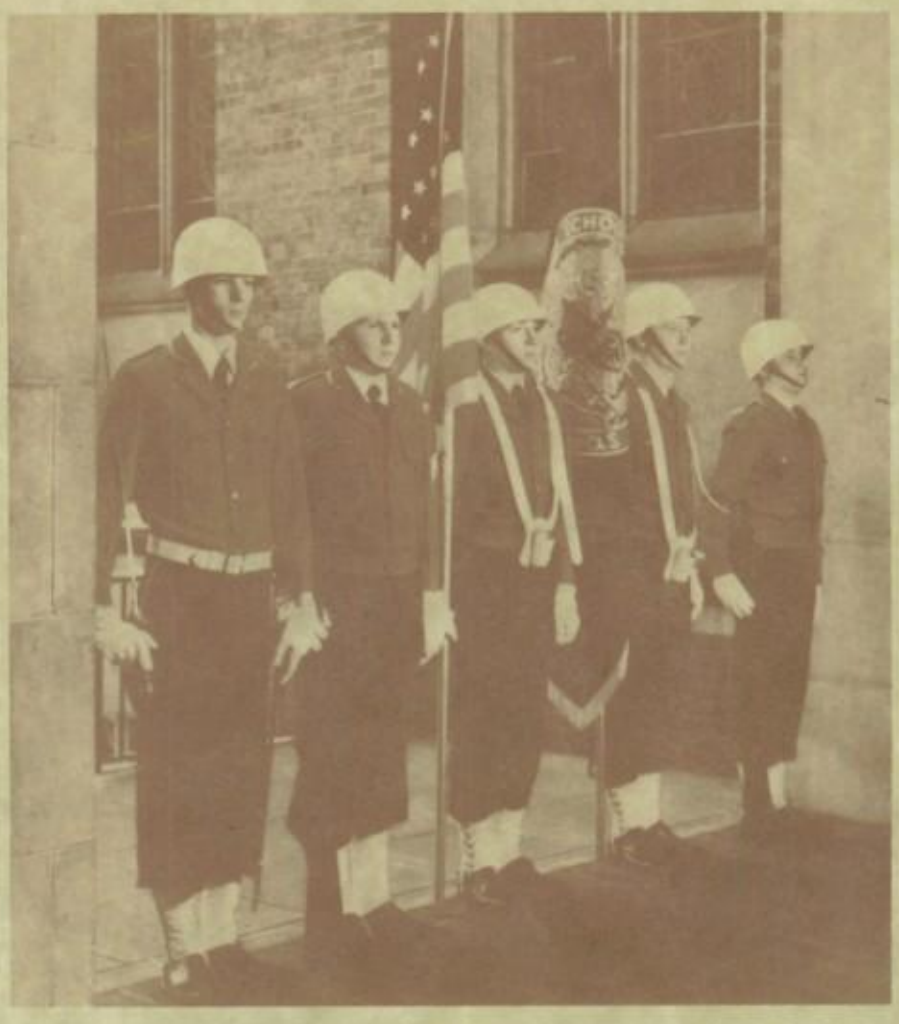
CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: (1) Excellence in football even in 1946; (2) the tennis team died in the early sixties and was recently revived; (3) the 1953 Junior Catholic League champs; (4) one of the school's early track teams; (5) the South Section Champions — seven wins and no losses.

CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT: (1) Track member doing well in the newly-formed Catholic League; (2) a successful catcher for the South Section Champs; (3) Boxing was popular in the 40's, died, and is currently being revived by the Athletic Director; (4) the young Fighting Mustangs; (5) the young basketball team later went on to capture honors from the South Sections; (6) the short-lived swim team died because of lack of facilities.





CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT: (1) The Color Guard — popular club in the late 1950's; (2) the once-popular Drama Club died and is now being revived with the Speech/Drama club; (3) formal invitation to an early concert; (4) crowded prom in the early 60's; (5) members of the Rifle Club with moderator Br. Joseph Fisher.



Much emphasis has been placed on the importance of clubs and organizations at St. Rita. In 1924 the CASCIAN, then a bi-monthly publication, got its start later to become an annual yearbook. It was soon followed by the Mother's Club, and by the award-winning newspaper, the RITAN. Today the RITAN ranks among the top 50 school newspapers in the country. Organizations such as the Knights of Augustine, the National Honor Society, and the Student Broadcasting System were formed and the extra-curricular scene at Rita started to flourish. The school has just enjoyed a rebirth of interest in activities as it saw 23 organizations functioning for the students in the 1979-80 school year.

First we're gonna have

Concert and Entertainmen

Thursday, Oct. 18, 1906

AT

St. Rita's College Hall

63d St. and Oakley Avenue

Programme

1. SELECTION ..... St. Basil's Orchest
Misses M. Casey, M. Heffernan, M. Reinecker, S. Egan, R. O'Connor, E. Lumpp, Messrs. T. Leeson, W. Mallory, W. Gryan, A. Jendrowski, T. O'Donnell, W. Smith.

2. VIOLIN SOLO ..... Selected
Master Louis Lamoffe

3. RECITATION ..... Ora
Master Arthur Payne

4. VOCAL SOLO ..... "Love and the World is Mine"
Mrs. A. Odlum
with Violin Obligato by Miss F. Collins

5. VOCAL TRIO ..... "Ti Prego O Pastorella"
Mesdames P. Peters, T. Payne, G. Wendt

6. CHORUS ..... "DeBoat's
St. Rita's Choir
Misses H. Sherkus, M. Pfaeppelin, K. Lumpp, W. Stratford, C. Stratford, K. Delfeld, E. Delfeld, R. Murphy, S. Fitzgerald, C. Heffernan, S. Lucy, T. Kroepel; Mesdames T. Payne, P. Ryan, E. Devlin, P. Stratford, P. Peters.

7. RECITATION ..... Farewell
Mr. Fred Herold

8. VOCAL SOLO ..... Lullaby
Mrs. T. Payne

9. PIANO SOLO ..... "O Tannenbaum"
Mrs. Cahill Collins Laing

10. SONG ..... Rag Time
Mr. A. Godsey

11. VIOLIN SOLO ..... "Ninth Concerto," by Berlioux
Miss F. Collins

12. TENOR SOLO ..... Selected
Mr. Fred Lumpp

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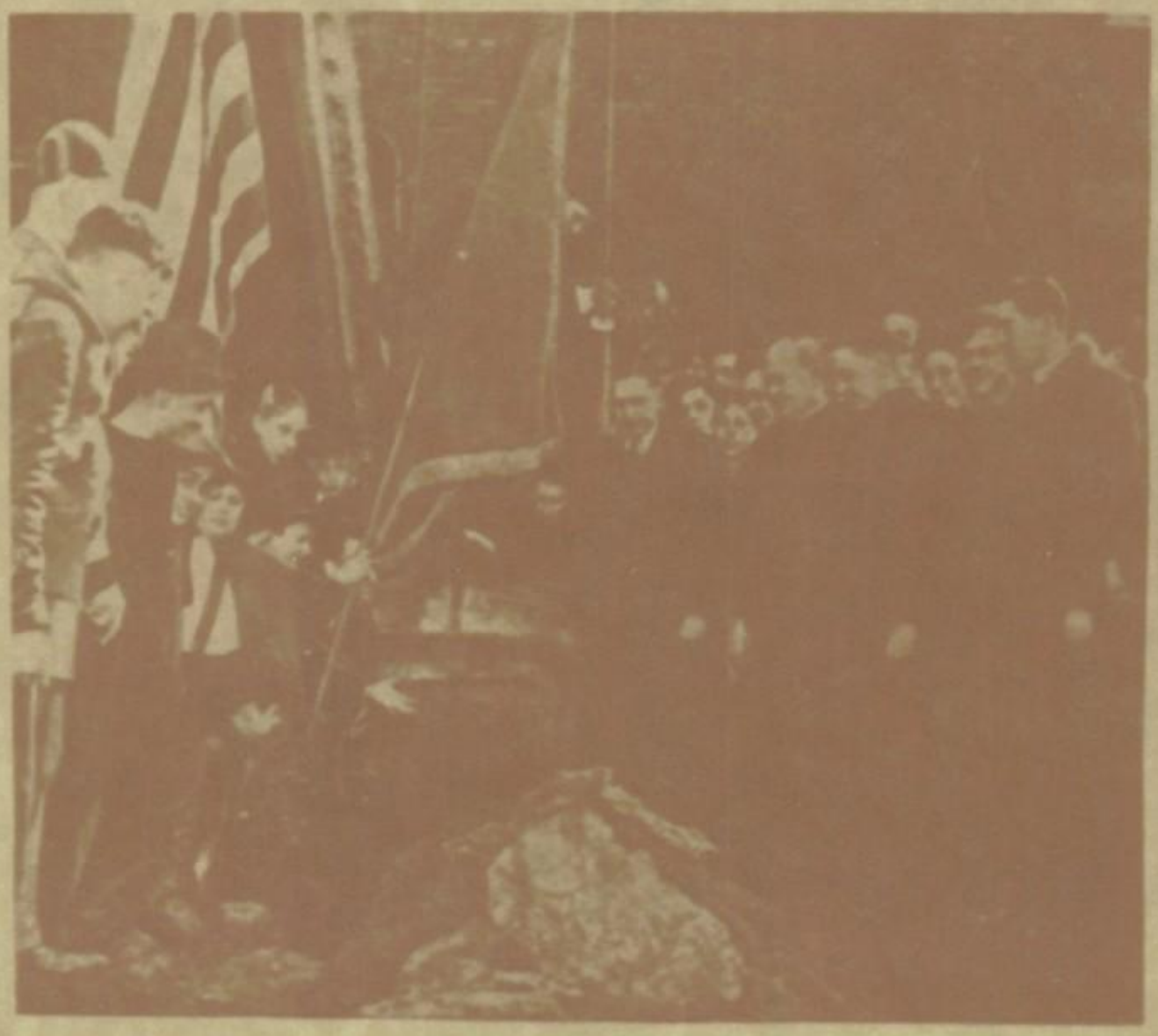

The above scene depicts the breaking of ground for the new Administration Building. Shown in this picture are Harry Maher, Rita grad of 1914, The very Rev. R. P. Fink, O.S.A., Rector of St. Rita, Rev. Wm. L. Fink, O.S.A., pastor of St. Clare's parish, Rev. Francis X. Coan, O.S.A., Rev. John P. Reedy, O.S.A., assistant at St. Clare's. The background is composed of students. The date of the dedication was March 22, Wednesday a week ago. Also present, but not shown in the picture, were the band and the entire student body.

(Photo Courtesy The Chicago Evening American)

St. Rita continues to grow today as it enters a new decade with its tenth principal, and continues to face the future with the same type of energy and enthusiasm that was characteristic of Fr. James Green when the school was only a 14-student one-building institution in 1906.

PRINCIPALS OF ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL

Fr. James F. Green	1905-1922
Fr. William L. Egan	1922-1926
Fr. Joseph B. Kepperling	1926-1929
Fr. John J. Harris	1929-1935
Fr. Ruellon P. Fink	1935-1956
Fr. John E. McLaughlin	1956-1962
Fr. Francis P. Crawford	1962-1968
Fr. Daniel B. Trusch	1968-1971
Fr. LaVern J. Flach	1971-1979
Fr. David L. Brecht	1979

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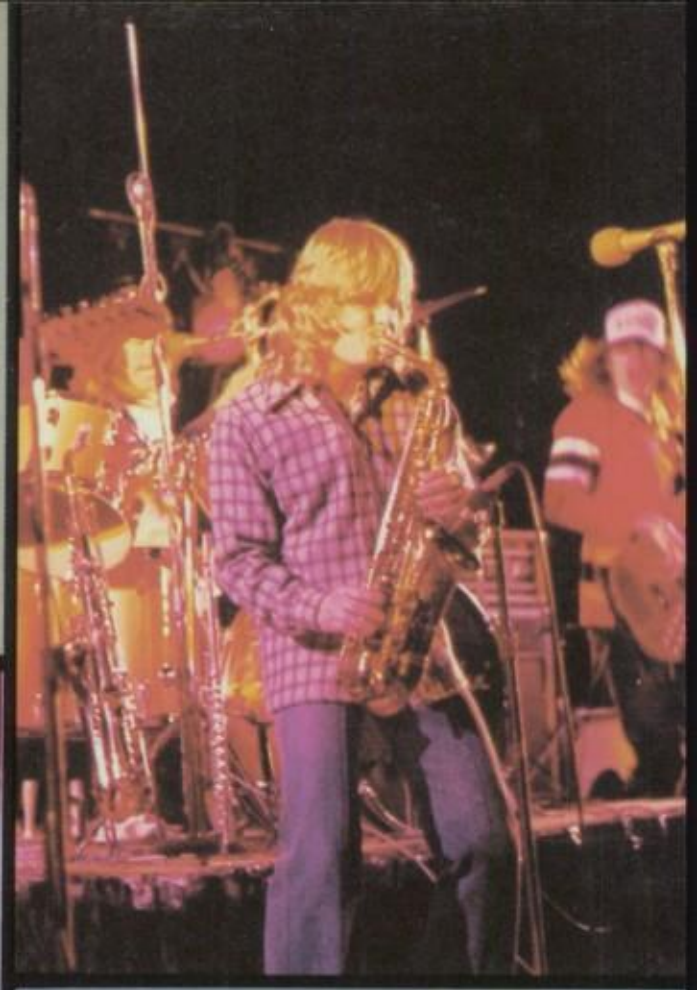
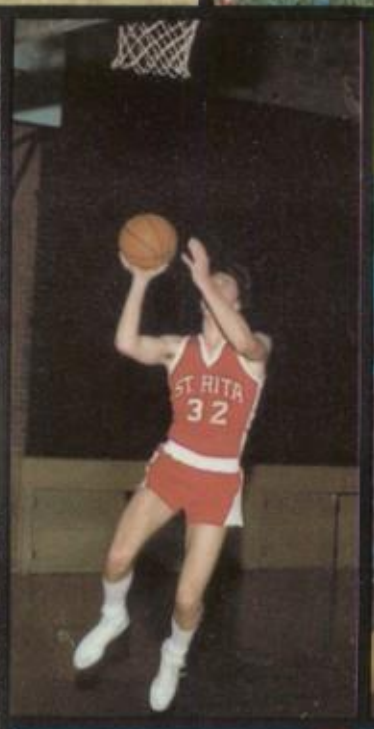
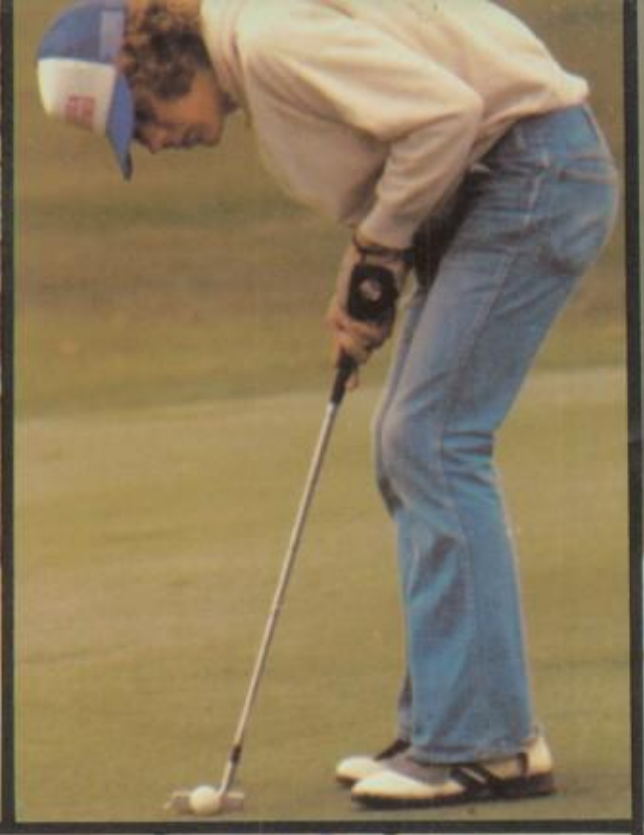
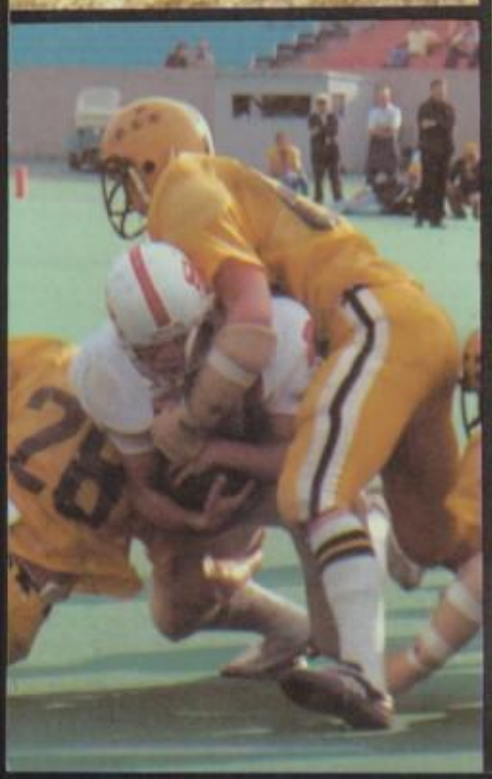








ST. RITA

FACULTY

Fr. Harkabus Returns As Prior

Father Donald Harkabus, a member of the St. Rita faculty in the late 1950's and early 60's, returned to St. Rita this year to fulfill the duties of the Prior of the Monastery and to serve as the school's physics teacher. Near the end of his first term, Father reflected that he was pleased because he "thought the transition from one Prior to the next would be a little bumpy, but I was surprised and delighted that it hasn't been."

Father's responsibilities as Prior include making sure that the Augustinians are content with their jobs in both the school and the community and that their home life in the Monastery is a pleasant one. When an issue arises that directly affects Monastery life, Father will consult his four house counselors — Fr. Trusch, Br. Wallenberg, Fr. Follmann, and Fr. Neis — and frequently will bring the issue to a full house vote. "No major decisions are made by me without direct consultation, and I feel that this democratic process makes our decisions easier to live with."

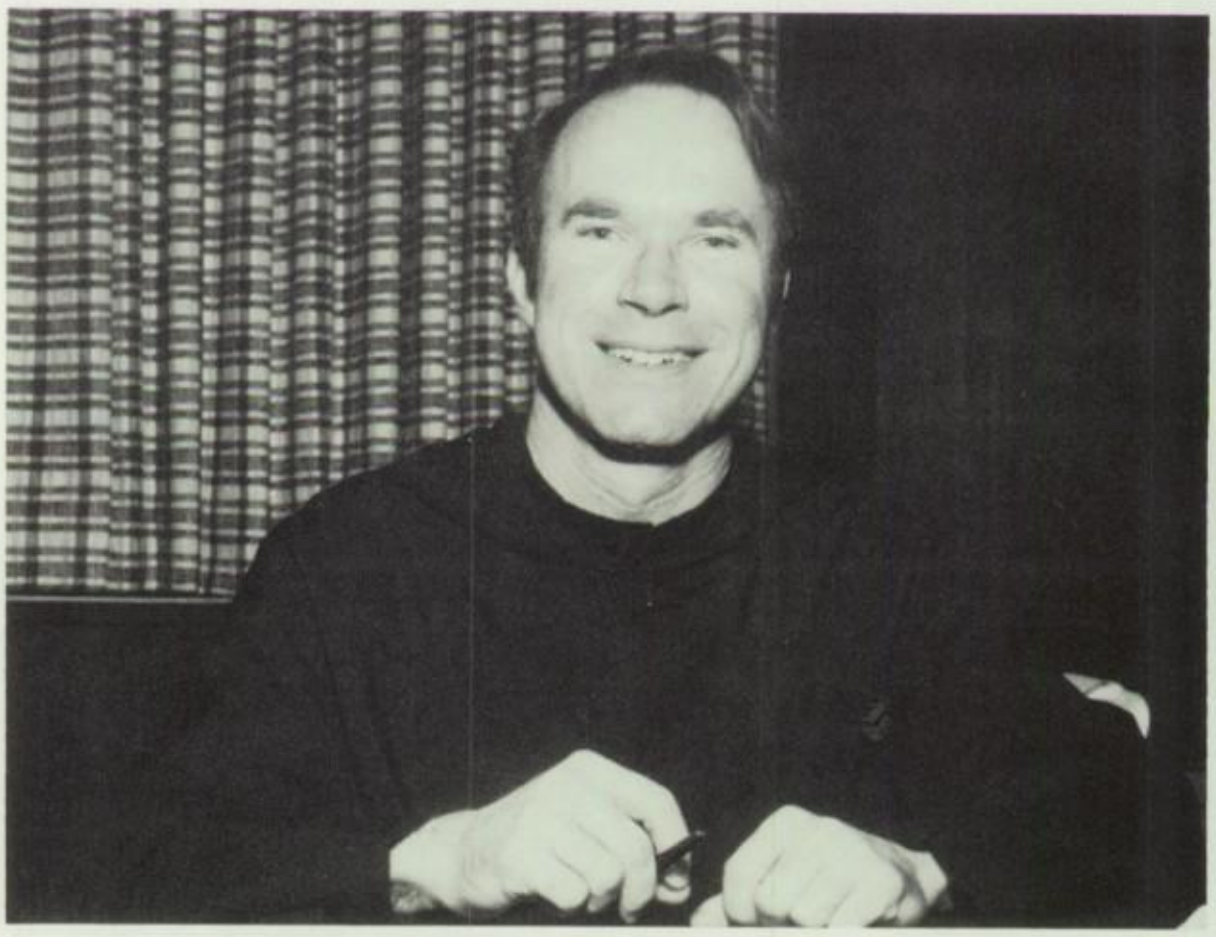
As for his teaching duties, Father has found St. Rita students "pleasant and very concerned about their studies."

New Principal Impressed With Rita

"I have been impressed with the good will and respect that St. Rita students have for each other and for the faculty as well," said St. Rita Principal Fr. David Brecht as he reflected on his first year in office. "I feel that both the students and the members of the faculty are good, Christian men."

Father has spent a good deal of his time this year making sure that St. Rita conforms to state educational and safety standards. Among several changes that will be in effect during the 1980-81 school year is the lengthening of the school day to 300 minutes of instruction for a total of 176 days. Father has also been concerned with improvements in the physical plant and has begun making changes that he intends to continue in the years to come.

Some of the highlights that Father mentioned from the 1979-80 school year include the large incoming Freshman Class which "shows the faith the community has in our efforts," the new direction and expansion of the Theology program, and the creation of the new Guidance Center and the expansion of the Guidance personnel which will give greater individual attention to each of the students.



Administration Conforms To State Rules

As Fr. Brecht began his first year in office as Principal of the school, he put into effect several major changes in the school's administration. The members of the Board include the voting members — Mr. Bamberger (Director of Studies), Fr. Neis (Dean of Students), Fr. Murphy (Director of Christian Formation), Fr. Harkabus (Prior), Mr. Segredo (Athletic Director), Mr. Kisicki (Activities Director), Mr. Dudek (President of the Teachers Association), and Fr. Follmann (Director of Guidance) — and non-voting members — Fr. Sobiesk, Fr. Pazera, Mr. Brodnicki, and Mr. Riley.

According to Mr. Bamberger, some of the changes affected the frequency of meetings, the types of matters discussed, and the responsibilities of each of the members of the Board. "Under Fr. Brecht's direction, the Board now meets twice a month instead of twice a week as we had in the past. With the reduction in formal meeting time has come an increase in the responsibilities of each of the Board's members. If an issue now arises which falls under the responsibilities of one department, the administrator for that department is expected to deal with it. In the past, we frequently discussed issues such as these with the entire Board making the decision. We are also using a more formal agenda which is published before each meeting so that each member of the Board is fully aware of the issues to be discussed and the decisions that need to be made."

One of the most important issues to face the Board during the 1979-80 school year was the lengthening of the school day to satisfy state requirements. In the past the state relied on the recommendations of the North Central Association to make judgements about accreditation of schools, but this year the state has decided to send a panel of school inspectors to each of the high schools in Illinois. "The state requirements are different than the North Central requirements," stated Bamberger. "We have found it necessary this year to make changes in a schedule that we have all become very accustomed to." The Board of Administration changed the amount of passing time from five minutes to four minutes and added five minutes at the start of the day and five minutes to the end. The Board has also been very careful in drawing up next year's calendar so that the school will be in full session a minimum of 176 days.

"The change that will take place is not terribly significant and will not create much of an inconvenience. But anytime a change is made it takes some time for people to adjust," Bamberger continued. "I am sure, however, that both the students and the faculty will come to accept the change with their usual good spirit."

Developments during the 1979-80 school year that the Board felt pleased about according to Mr. Kisicki were the success of the sports program, the amount and quality of the activities honoring the 75th anniversary of the school, and the increase in enrollment for the upcoming year.

"I feel that we have been able to work well together during this first year," Kisicki commented. "I am glad that the changes we have seen take place this year are positive ones and I am very encouraged about progress that will continue to be made in the future. We have a strong sense of direction and a willingness to work hard enough to accomplish our goals."

Bottom Row: Mr. Michael Kisicki, Fr. William Neis, Fr. David Brecht, Mr. Joseph Bamberger, Fr. Donald Harkabus. Top Row: Fr. Patrick Murphy, Mr. Edward Dudek, Mr. Michael Riley, Fr. Casimir Pazera, Fr. Rolland Follmann, Mr. Thomas Brodnicki, Fr. Martin Sobiesk, Mr. James Segredo.

Theology Reorganization To Continue

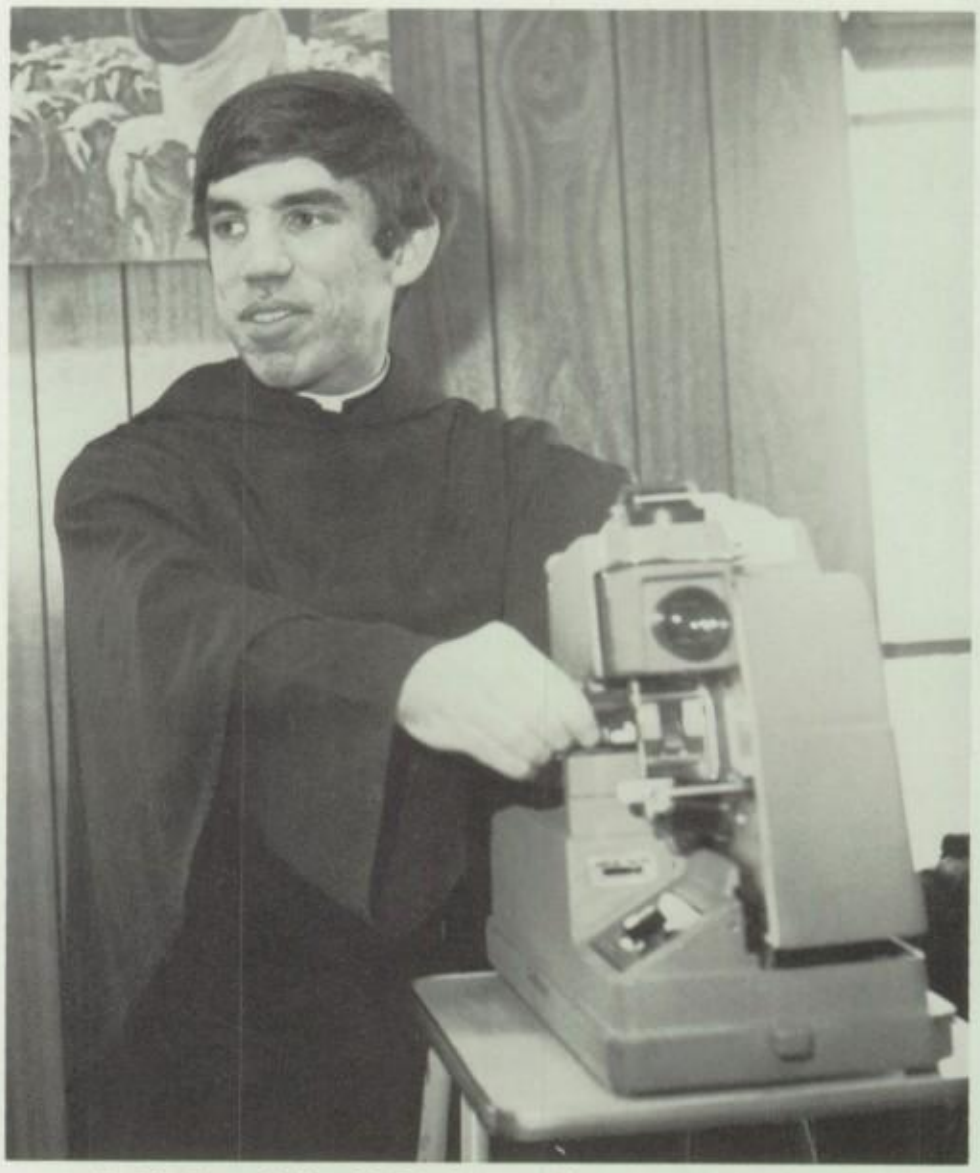
Under the direction of first year Chairman Br. Timothy Deeter, the Theology Department has been reorganized and has placed a new emphasis on the fact that "the primary purpose of the Theology classes at St. Rita is to call the students to faith in God and His message of truth."

Br. Tim has outlined in his department syllabus what the students should be taught in the four year Theology program. The freshmen are taught the Bible, the Life of Christ, and adolescent adjustment. The sophomores are taught world religions and the sacraments. The juniors are taught morality and the seniors learn about marriage. According to Br. Tim, "With this year by year breakdown a student is sure to get the proper Theological education that a Catholic school should offer."

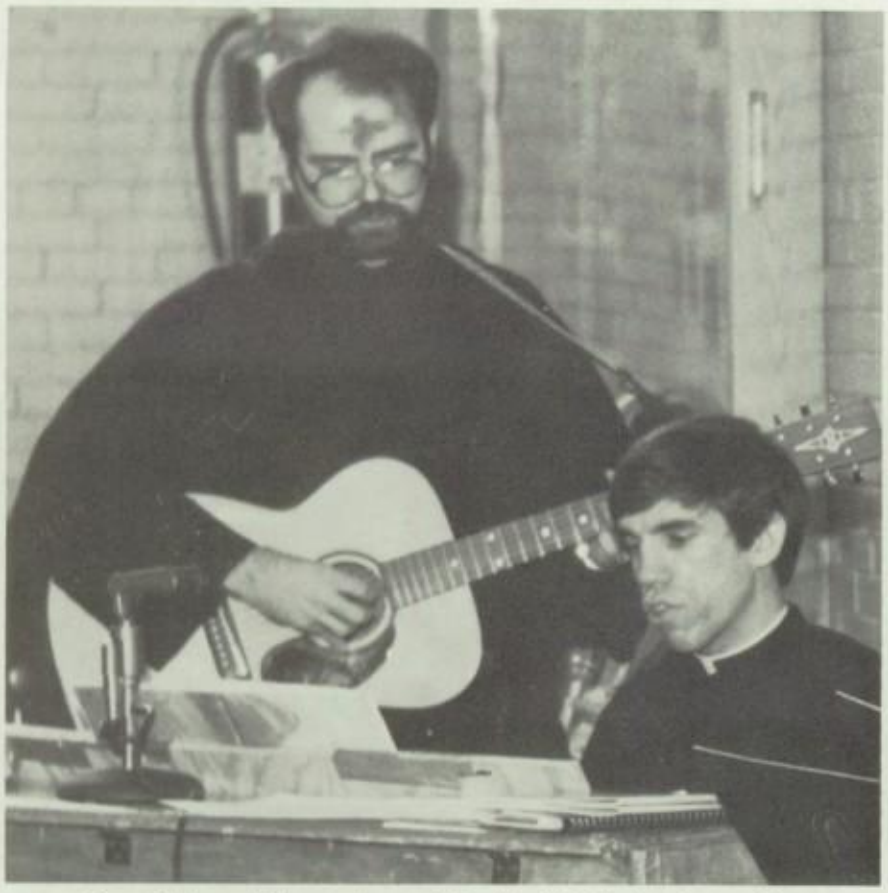
Students are not only being offered a more formal curriculum under Br. Tim's leadership — they are also finding changes in the amount of time Theology class is required. Beginning in the 1980-81 school year, freshmen will be required to take a full year of Theology instead of the one semester now offered. Brother also plans to require a comprehensive exam that each senior will take to insure that the material the department offers has been absorbed.

The personnel of the Theology Department has also been changed. "In the two and a half years that I have been here," said Br. Tim, "the entire staff has changed. But the change is a good one. The new teachers are younger men who have been trained according to the guidelines of the Second Vatican Council." Next year the department will include four more teachers, three of whom will be Augustinians.

"The fact that we will not only be working together but also living together will benefit the department greatly," he continued. Br. Tim has asked all of his department members to emphasize homework, text readings, and class discussions, and to use film strips and movies to better help students comprehend the material of the department.

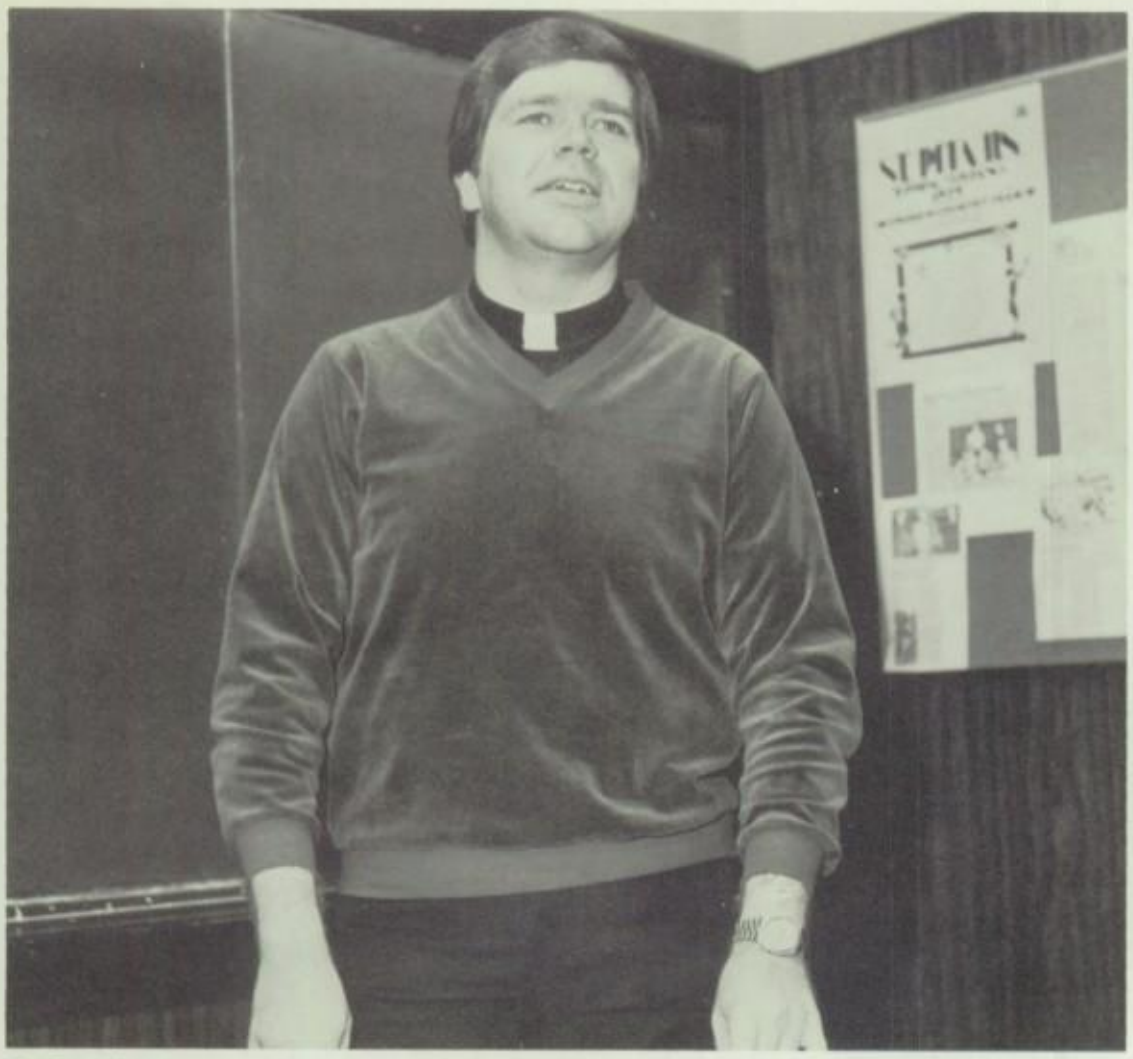


Br. Tim Deeter holds a M. Div. degree and began teaching here in 1978.



Bros. Mike and Tim supply music for the Ash Wednesday service.

Br. Charles Prevender is in his second year at St. Rita and teaches Theology.



Fr. Pat Murphy returned to St. Rita after an eight year absence to teach junior and senior Theology. He holds a M. Div. degree from the Catholical Theological Union. He moderates the Father's Club and in his spare time enjoys travel and golf.

Fr. William Neis, a newcomer to Rita, holds an M.A. from Notre Dame and is the head disciplinarian. He moderates the ski and camping clubs.

Fr. Murphy lends Ralph Florio a helping hand after the distribution of ashes.

Br. Thomas Griffin has a B.S. from DePaul and coaches the golf team.

New Teachers Busy English Chairman

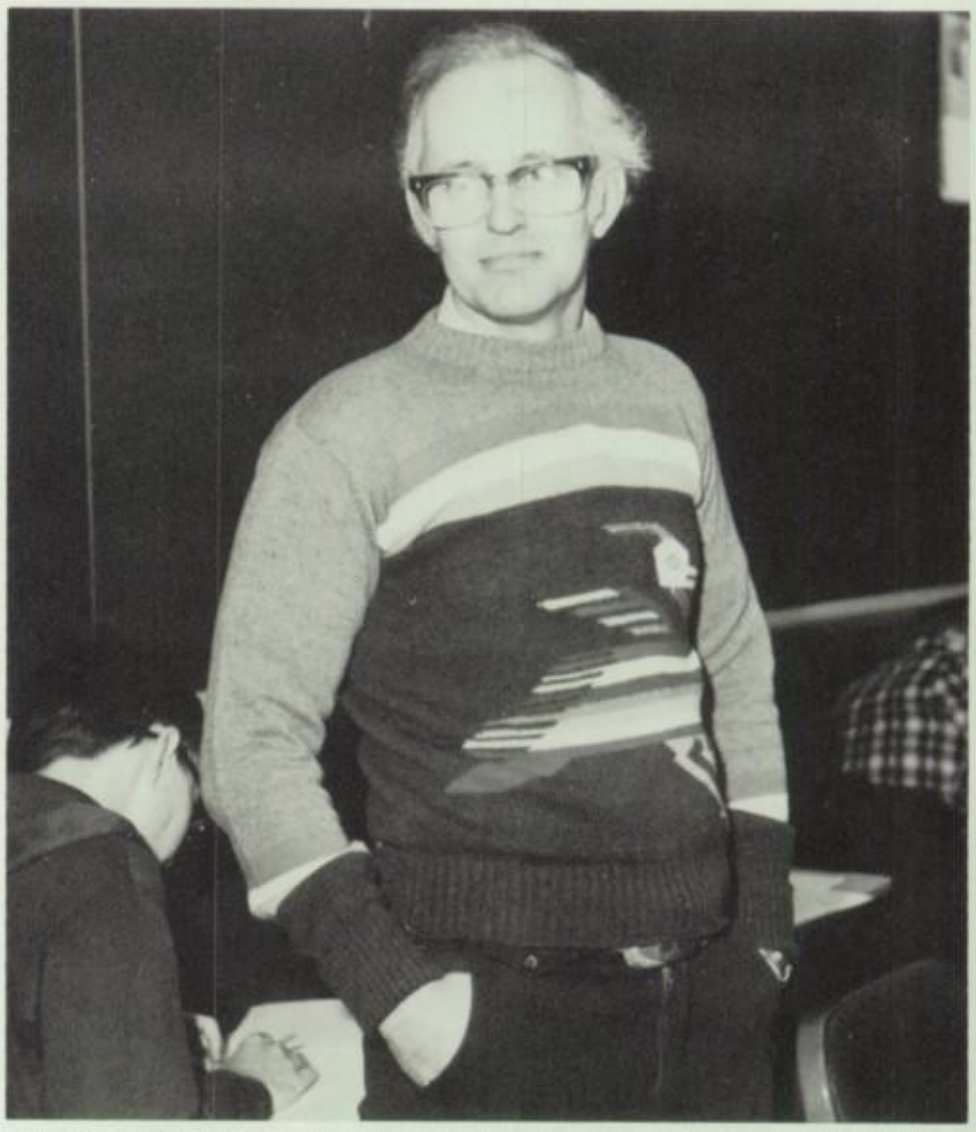
Mr. Donald Racky, Chairman of the English Department, was faced with the important task of "breaking in" new teachers who were added to the staff this year. The new teachers were needed because of the increased enrollment and because one teacher, Mr. Steve Applebaum, resigned after the first semester. "Luckily Mr. Riley and Mr. Kisicki were able to take over Mr. Applebaum's classes and maintain a standard of quality that we may have lost if we had hired a new teacher at mid-semester," said Mr. Racky.

This constant hiring of new teachers prevents the department from having "innovative changes. Thus, we devote all of our time and energy to the breaking in process instead of breaking ground for fresher, newer ideas of teaching," he said.

One advantage that arose from the new teachers was that the Speech/Drama course is being revived under the direction of Ms. Sally Jo Zepeda, a first year freshman and sophomore teacher. The course will be offered as an elective outside of the required four years of English. "I was glad to see that the students are showing an interest in English beyond their regular classes. I think the course will be a very popular one in the future," said Mr. Racky.

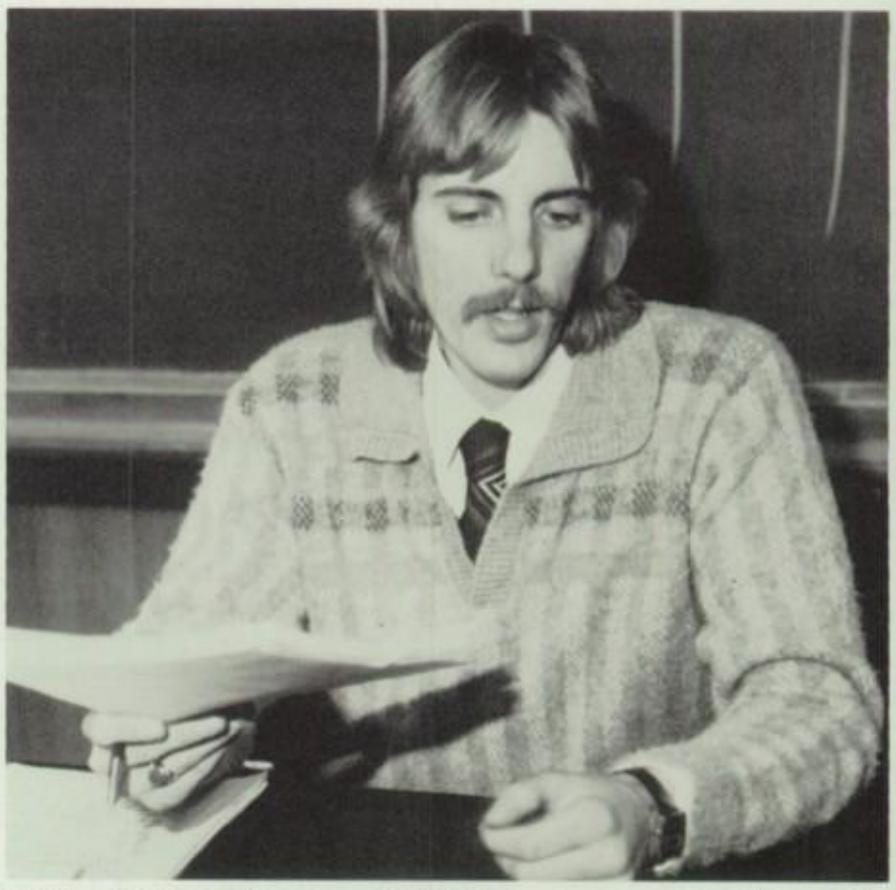
Aside from working with the new teachers and planning the Speech/Drama Course, Mr. Racky, in conjunction with the other English teachers, is constantly striving to improve the choices on the outside reading list. "Sometimes students and teachers find a book too difficult or too easy, and we'll make a change, hopefully for the better, to satisfy everyone."

As a part of the English program, students write compositions about the outside readings and on poetry and short stories. However, Mr. Racky's long range goal is to "spell out a good four-year sequence in composition skills for the department which will increase our students' ability to write well."

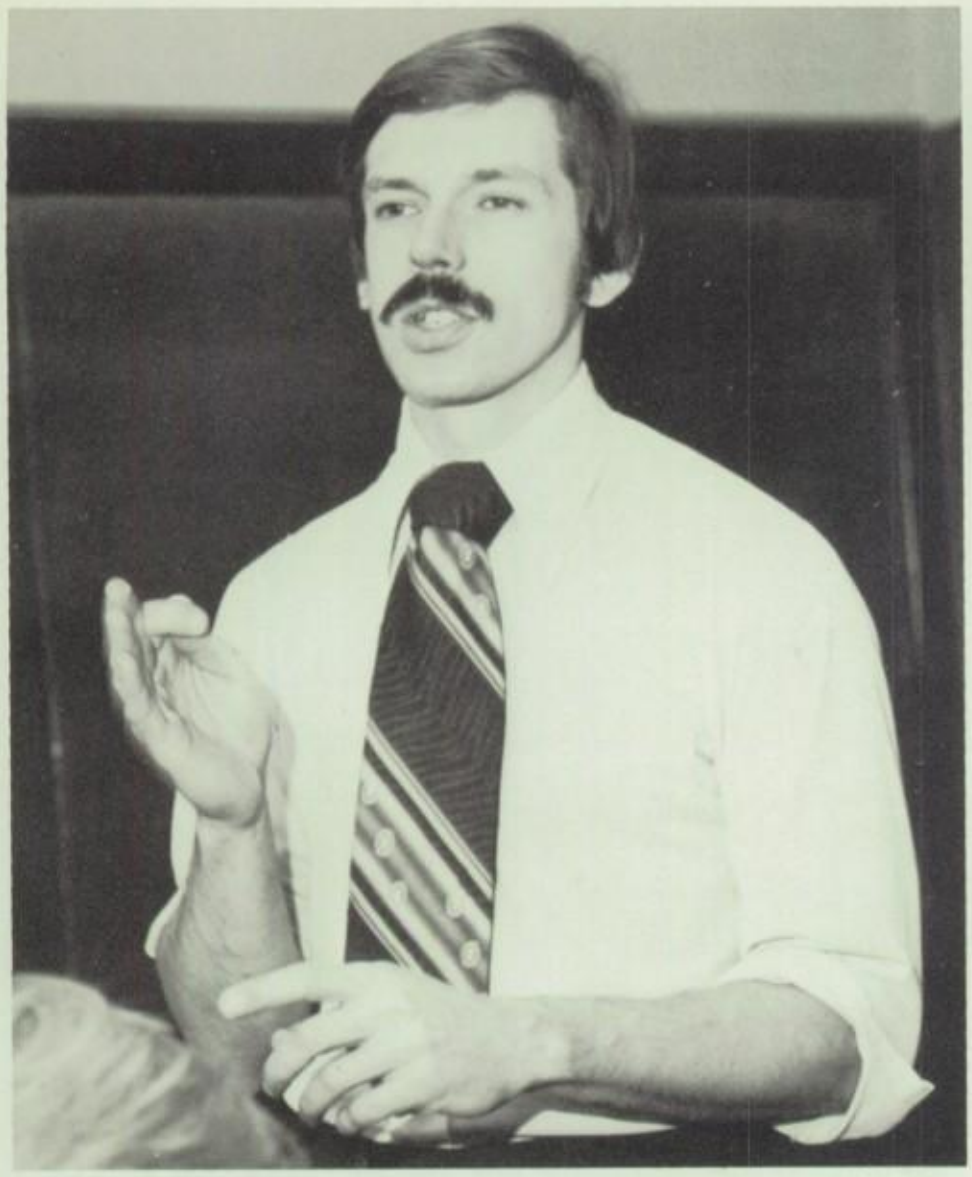


Mr. Donald Racky has a Ph.D. from Loyola and moderates the Ritan and the N.H.S.

Mr. Edward Dudek has been at St. Rita for thirteen years. He holds an M.A. from DePaul University and teaches English and Film Study. He is also the President of the Teachers Association.

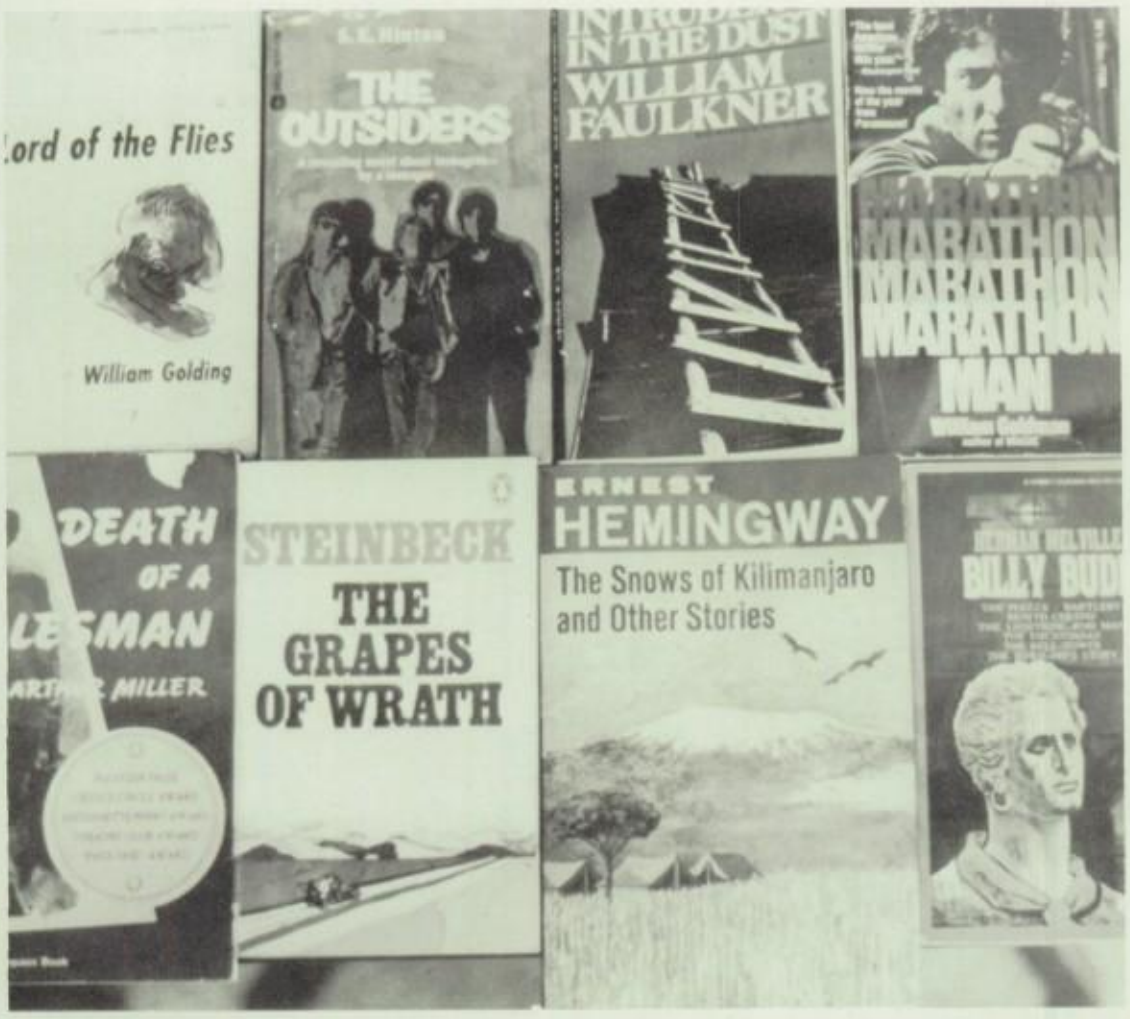


Mr. Dennis Murawski has been at St. Rita for two years. He holds an M.A. from DePaul and a Reading Specialist Degree from Chicago Circle Campus. He moderates the Freshman Class and enjoys reading.

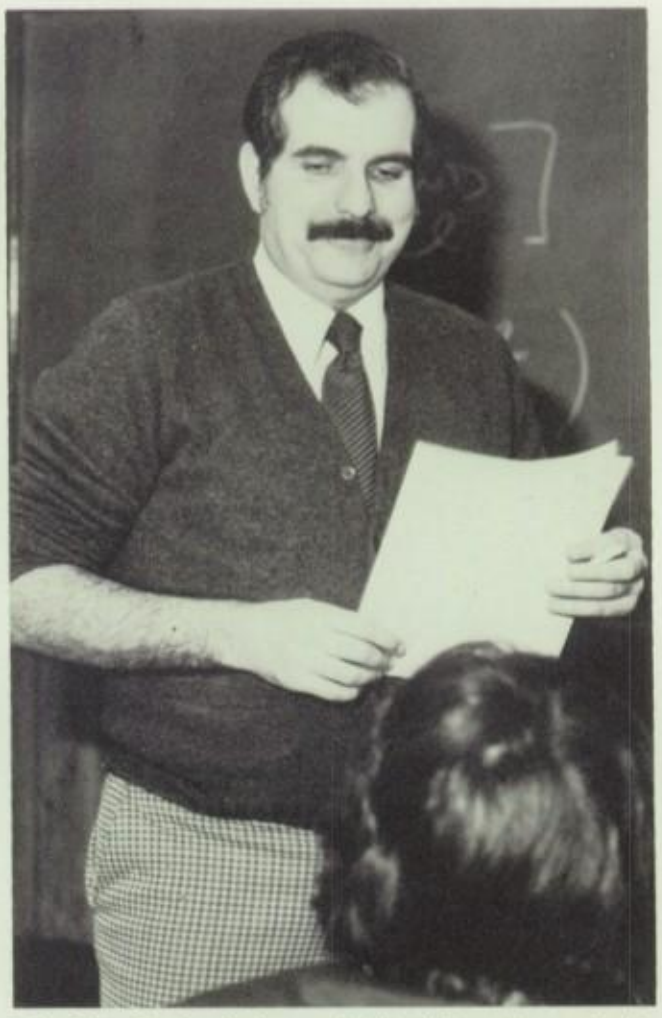


Mr. Mike Kisicki has been teaching English and reading for eight years. He holds a B.A. from Lewis and an M.Ed. from Arizona University. He serves as Vice-Principal of Activities, moderator of the student government, and head cross country coach.

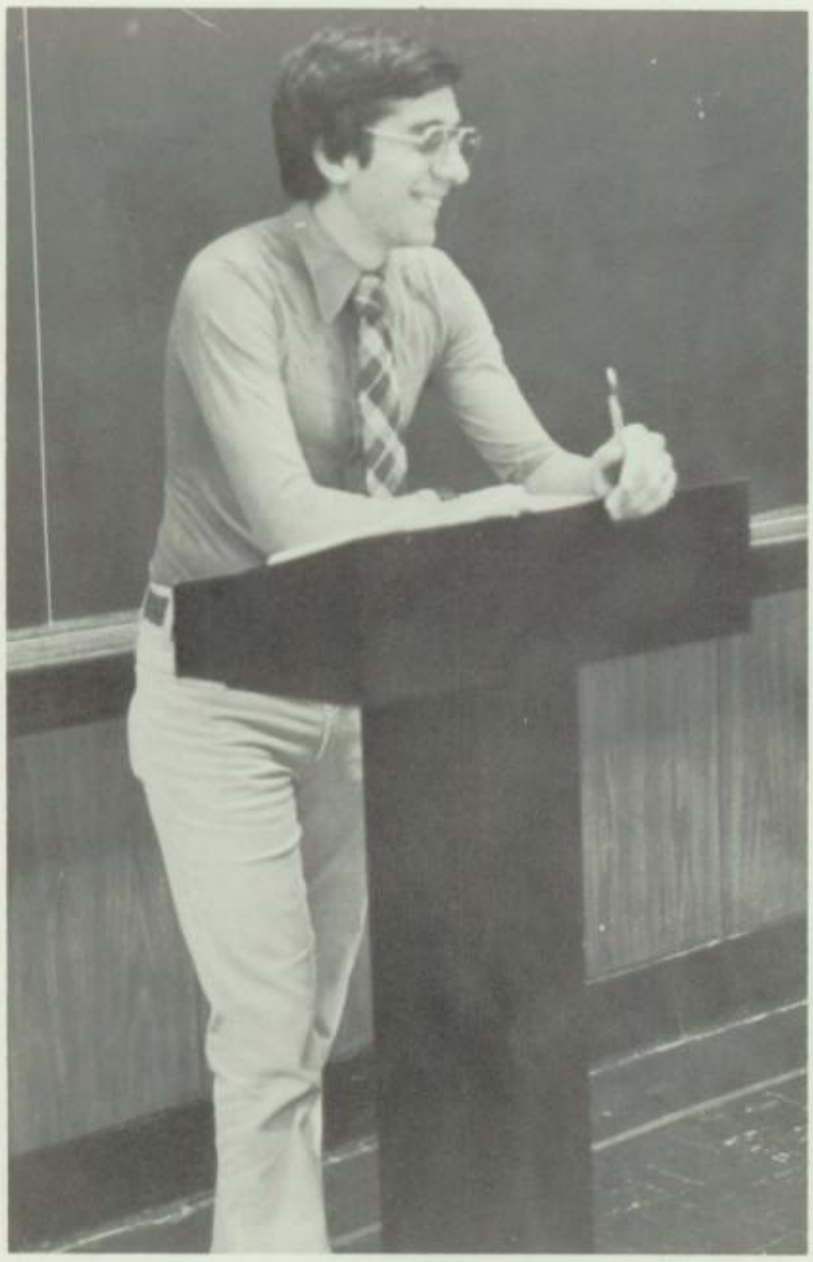
Mr. Mike Riley, who teaches junior English, has been at Rita for nine years. He received his B.A. from Lewis and his M.A. from DePaul. He is yearbook moderator and Recruitment Director.



These books are some of those which are on the English department's reading list. Mr. Racky and the members of the department compile a new list each year. Students are allowed two weeks for each reading assignment.

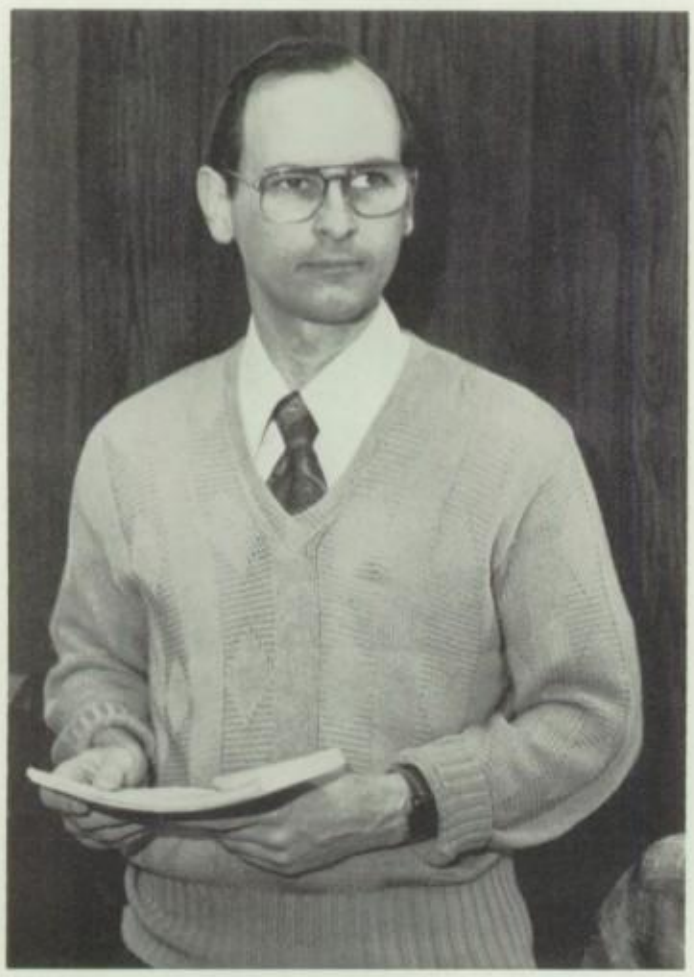


Mr. John Hartl, who is now in his thirteenth year, holds an M.Ed. from Southwest Texas State and is presently one of the school's athletic trainers.



Mr. Ronald Piro is presently in his second year as a St. Rita English teacher. He received his B.A. from North Central College and is interested in running and creative writing.

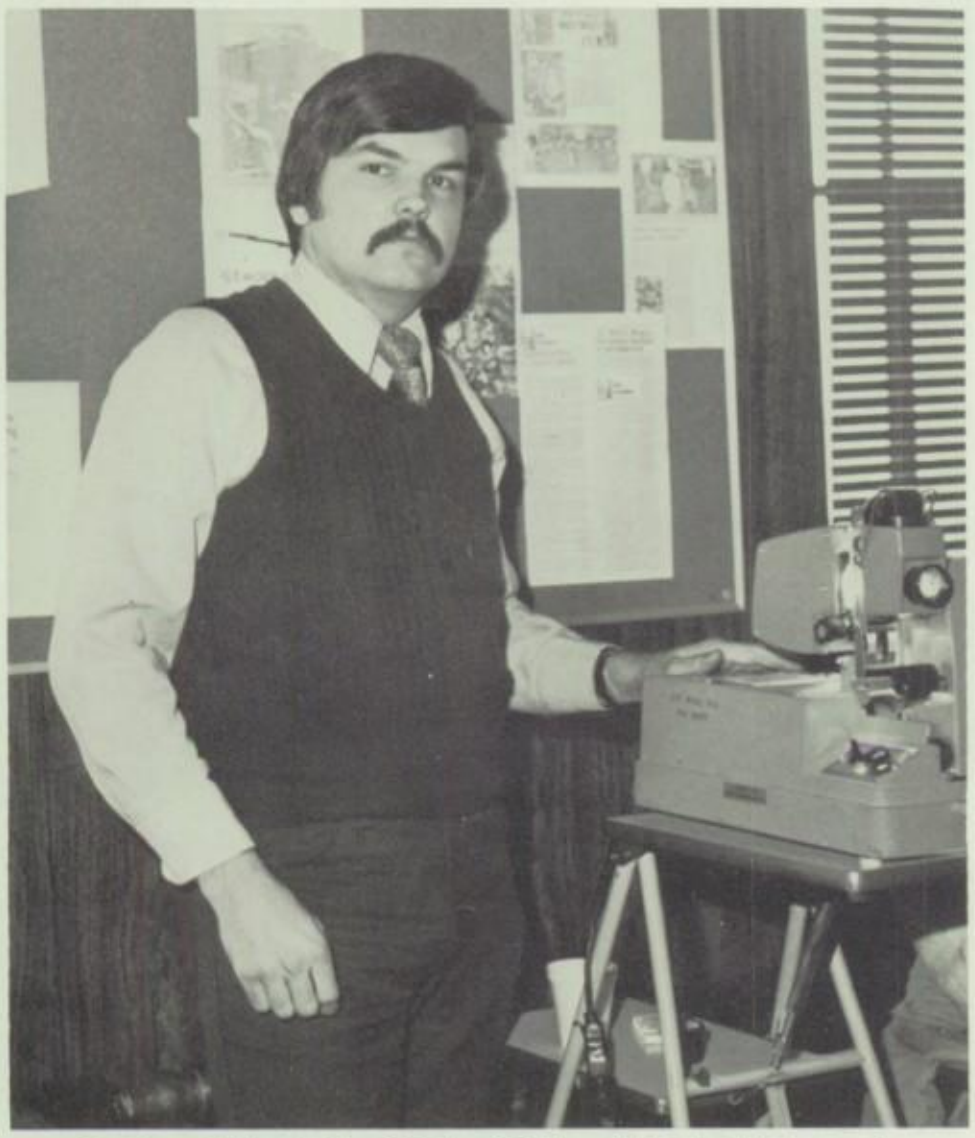
Ms. Sally Zepeda, now in her first year at Rita, received her B.A. from the College of St. Scholastica. She moderates the new literary journal, Inscape, and will teach the new Speech-Drama Club. She is interested in photography.



Mr. Edmund Brongiel is in his fifteenth year as an English teacher. He received his B.A. from Loyola University in 1965.

Mr. Murawski closely supervises the work of his reading students as they complete an assignment on the reading machines which increase a student's speed and comprehension.

Guest Lectures To Pep History Classes

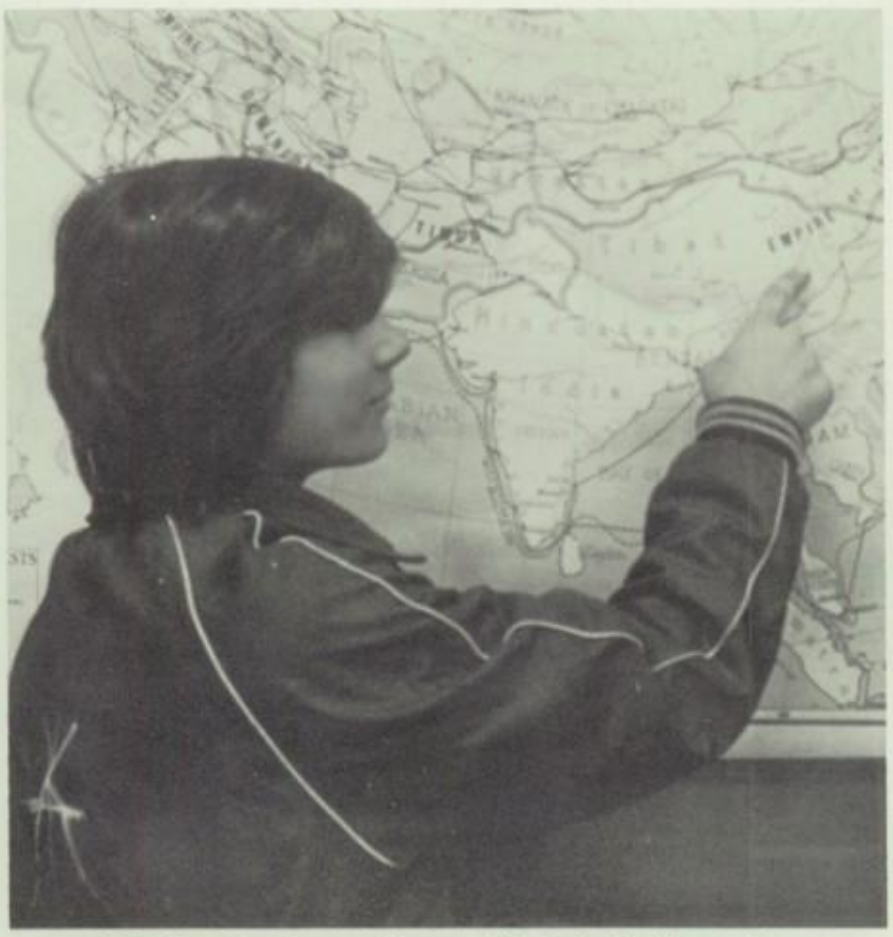


Mr. James Misiora holds a B.S. from C.S.U. and is the head hockey coach.

Now in his second year as Chairman of the Social Studies Department, Mr. James Misiora is very happy to see that students are showing an interest in the elective courses. "The sociology and criminal justice course was a great success, and I'd like to see that same type of enthusiasm for other electives as well," he said. "Latin American studies, psychology, and several other electives were offered last year, but only one course pulled in enough interested students to make a class." Mr. Misiora feels that by the time the present freshmen are juniors numbers will be large enough to support more electives.

Aside from trying to pep up his department's curriculum, Mr. Misiora is emphasizing the importance of guest lectures and is encouraging teachers to use audio-visual equipment which includes film strips, slides, and maps. "I want the students to be able to relate history to real jobs that people have that call for a knowledge of social studies. As for the audio-visual equipment, it livens the class up a little more, adds another learning dimension to the lecture material and re-emphasizes what has been taught in class." Mr. Misiora would like to extend the lectures to the whole student body and is hopeful that one of the presidential candidates will give a speech here next year.

In an effort to help defray the cost of the textbooks, the department has received books from the state and is using them in some classes. "Not every class could get a free book so I decided that the ones which would be most beneficial to the students would be the books to choose." At the present time the juniors are using *McGruder's American History,* which the Chairman feels is the "bible of American History," and the senior honor class is using *Living American Documents.*



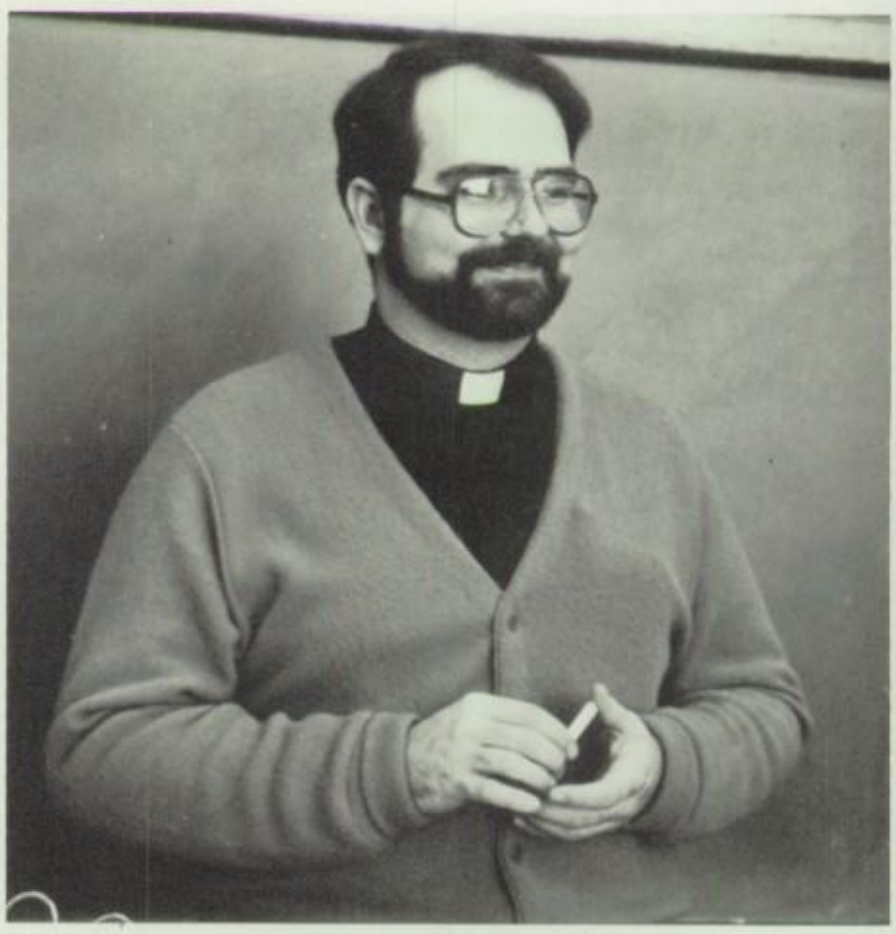
Mike Petrosius sharpens his map skills during his history class.

Mr. Thomas Nall holds a B.A. from Carroll College and is the head basketball coach.

Mr. Joseph Bamberger, now in his twenty-first year at St. Rita, holds an M.A. in history and an M.Ed. in school administration from DePaul. He is the school's Director of Studies and chairs the curriculum council.

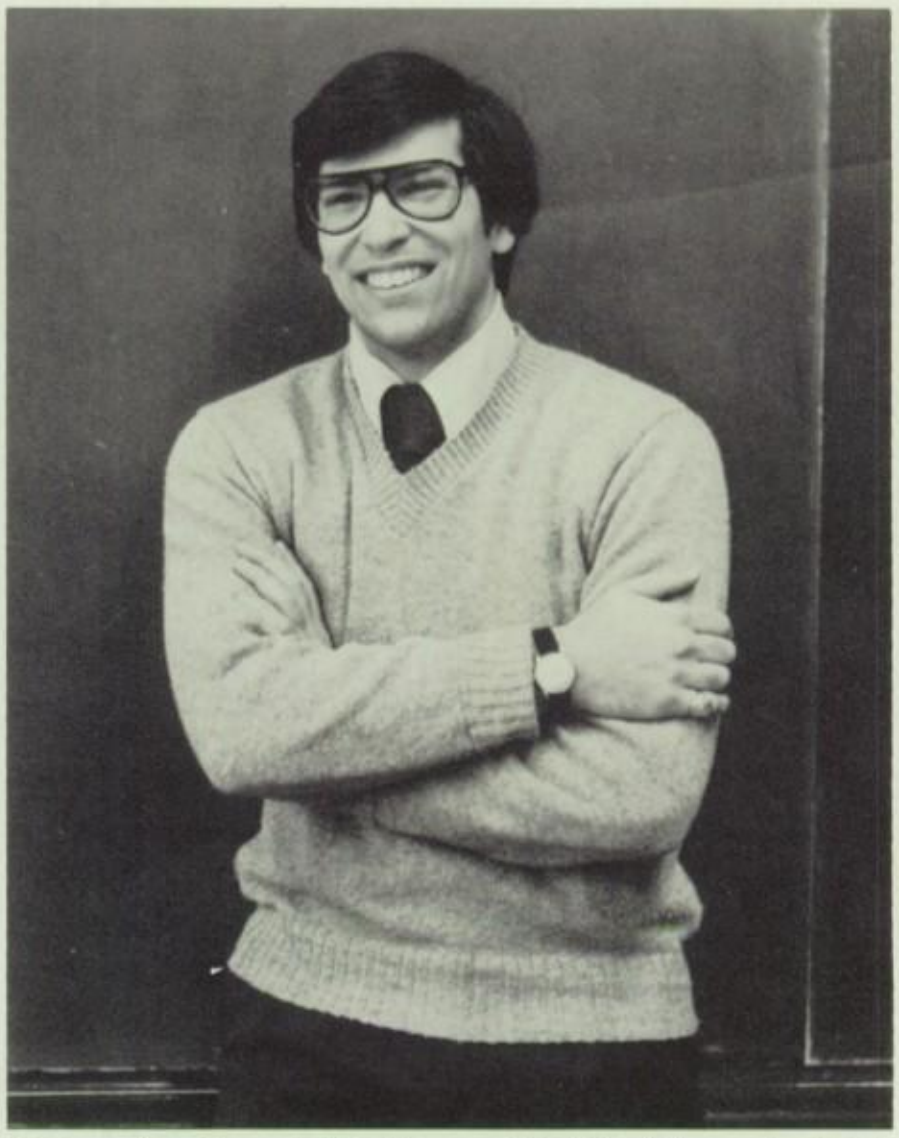
Tom Kress uses his fourth period lunch to catch up on some history homework. Because he is a junior, his class emphasizes American history through 1930's.

Mr. Ronald Dvorak holds an M.A. from Notre Dame and is now teaching history after moving from the science department.



Br. Michael Schweifler holds a B.A. from Villanova and is a newcomer to St. Rita.

Now in his twenty-first year at St. Rita, Mr. Robert Kopecky holds a B.S. from Loyola and an M.Ed. from DePaul. He teaches freshman and sophomore history and in his spare time enjoys coaching basketball.



Mr. James Segredo, now in his third year at Rita, holds a B.A. from Lewis University. He is the school's Athletic Director and is also the head track coach and assistant soccer coach.

Mr. Ronald Nowak received his B.S. from Loyola and is the moderator of the Junior Class and bowling.

Junior Ray Hughes uses the library's globe for an extra credit history assignment.

A.P. Courses Planned For Science

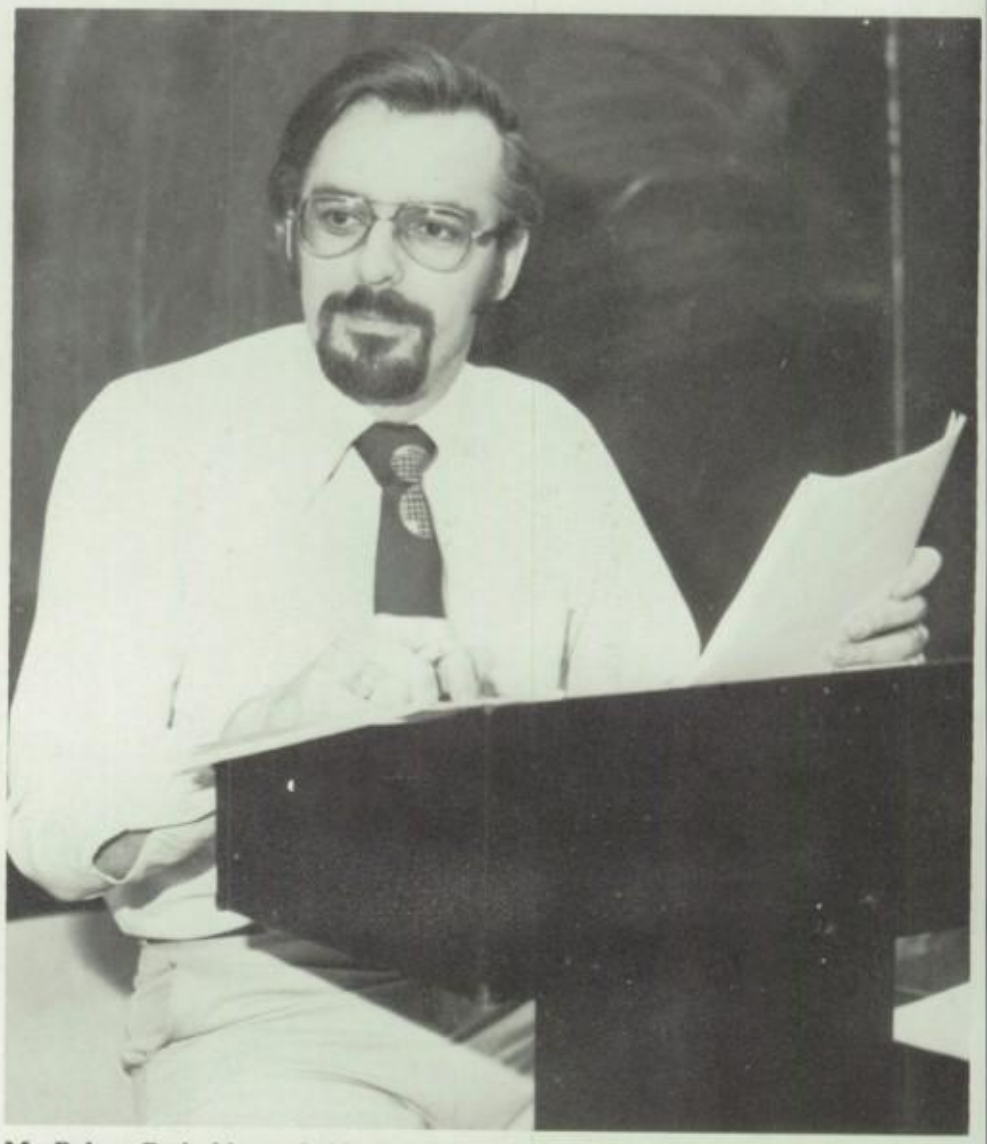
As Mr. Robert Gasiecki began his first year as the Science Department Chairman, he set as one of his goals an Advanced Placement Course in science that would allow students to get college credit as they have been doing for several years in English and Social Studies. "I knew that this new program would create some scheduling and personnel difficulties," Mr. Gasiecki explained. "But I also knew that this was a very worthwhile goal and that I had to do everything in my power to reach it."

Mr. Gasiecki's efforts were very successful since for the first time in the school's history an advanced chemistry course will be taught during the 1980-81 school year. "I expect that in the first year or two of the program not many of our seniors will get the college credit offered by the advanced placement examination. The next few years we will strive to make the course productive as the English and Social Studies advanced placement work is, and I am very confident we will reach our goal," he continued.

Some of the other changes in the department that Gasiecki witnessed his first year as chairman included the loss of Mr. Dvorak, who transferred to the social studies department, and the addition of first year teacher Mr. James Cuci, who teaches modern physical science, and Fr. Donald Harkabus, who teaches physics.

Mr. Gasieck also re-established the science and biology clubs which had gone out of existence during the 1978-79 school year because of a lack of student interest. "I am happy to see these clubs back in our list of extracurricular organizations and to find so many students, especially freshmen, who are interested in being a part of the clubs. I feel that the clubs, when integrated with their respective subject areas, can become as much a part of the learning experience as the classroom itself.

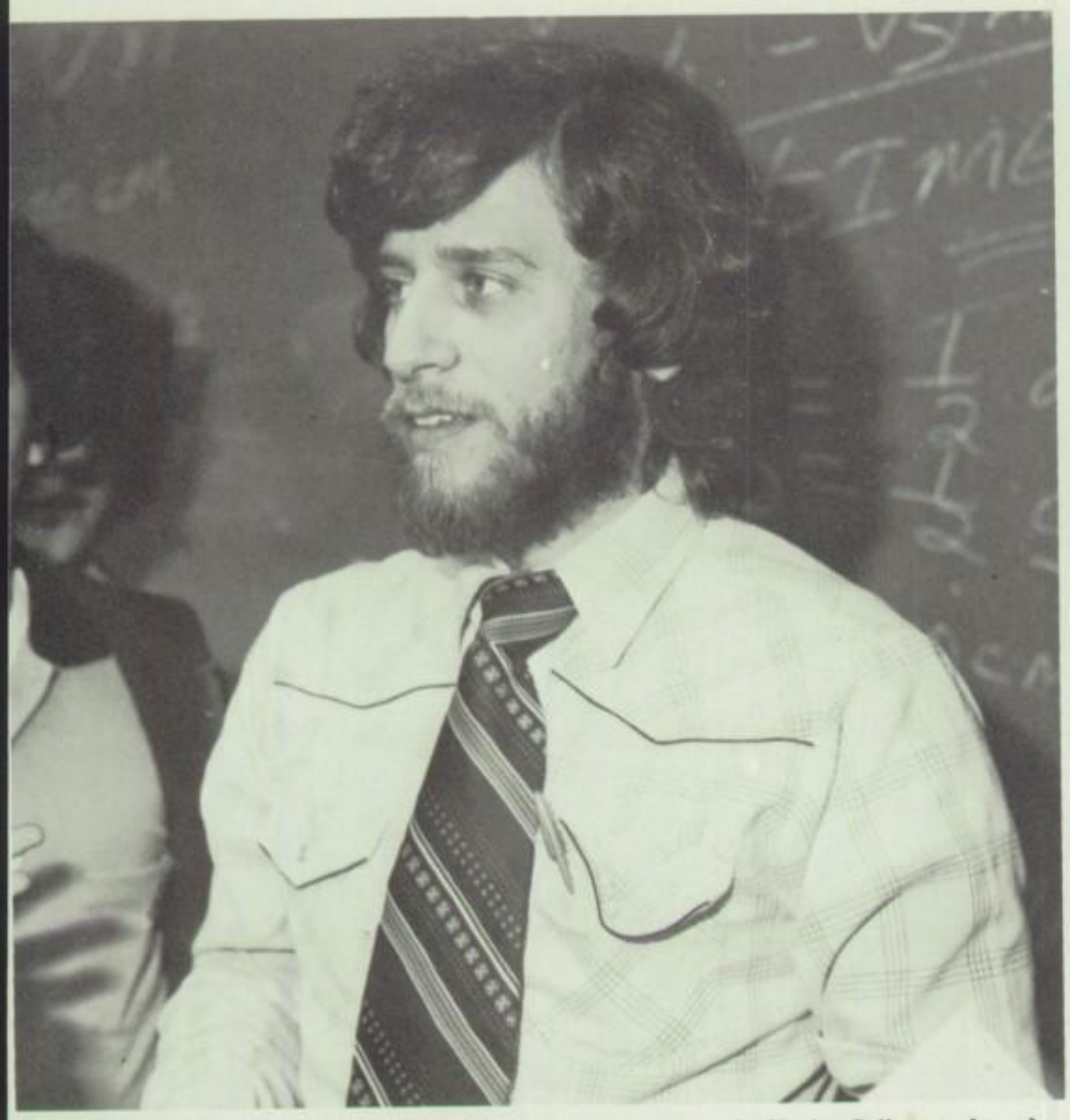
"This has been an interesting year for me and I am looking forward to the future," he concluded.



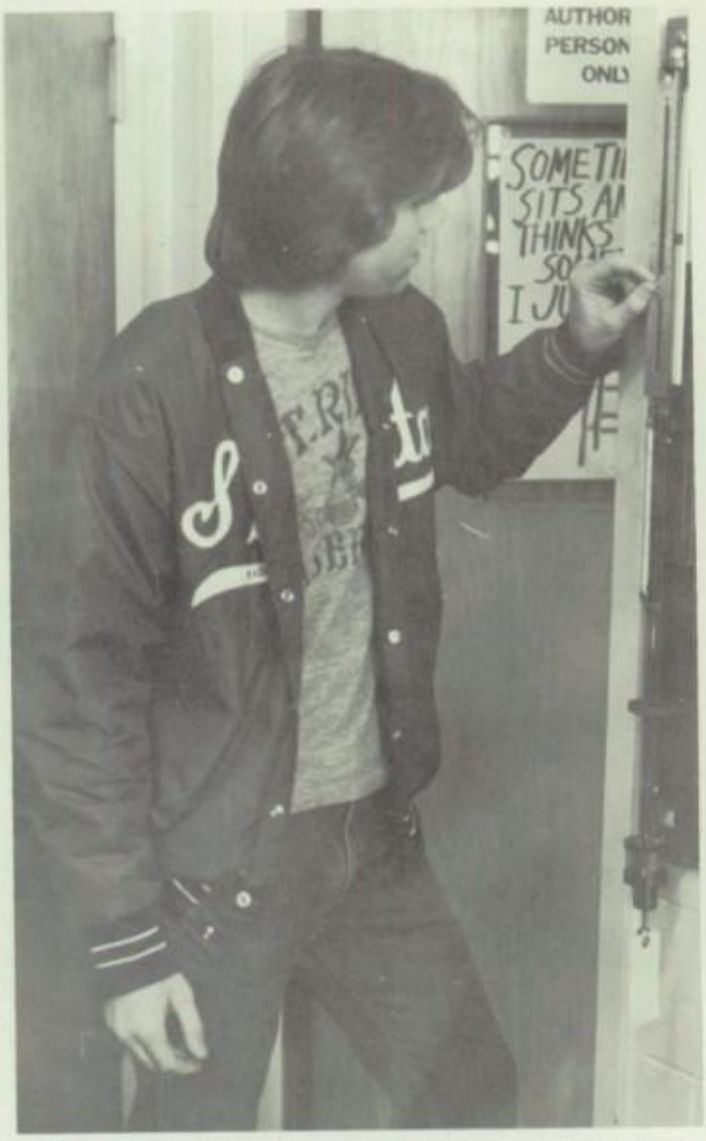
Mr. Robert Gasiecki, now in his ninth year at Rita, holds a B.S. from Western Illinois University and was appointed chairman of the science department to replace Mr. Dvorak. In his spare time he enjoys water skiing.

Brandon Grode weighs a solution in chemistry.

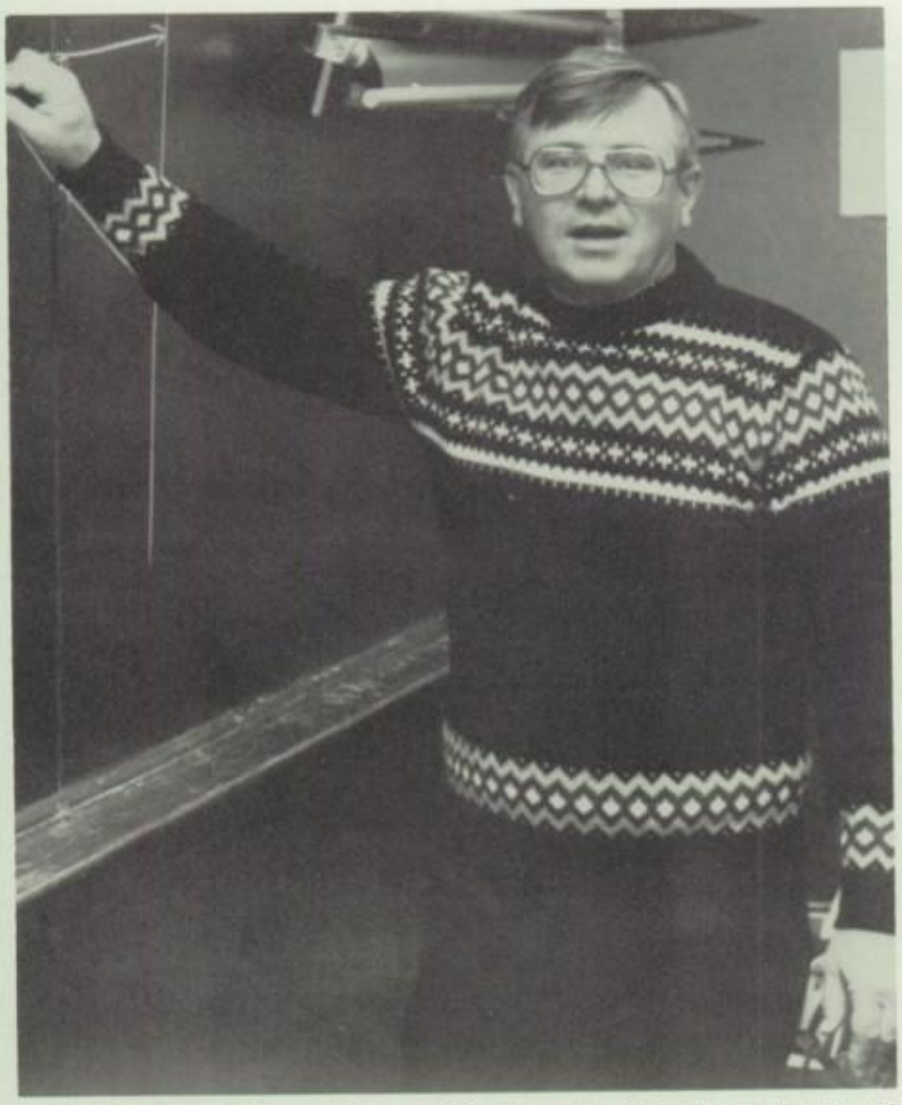
Ms. Susan Whooley, in her fifth year at Rita, holds a B.S. in chemistry from UICC.



Mr. James Cuci is a newcomer to St. Rita. He holds a B.A. from St. Xavier College and teaches Earth science. He is also the moderator of the first year photo club and the golf club. In his spare time he enjoys photography, tennis, and music.



Sophomore Joe Bucz uses a barometer to measure the air pressure in the chem lab. The experiment was one of several done that week.



Fr. Donald Harkabus holds a Ph.D. from the University of Tulsa and teaches Physics.

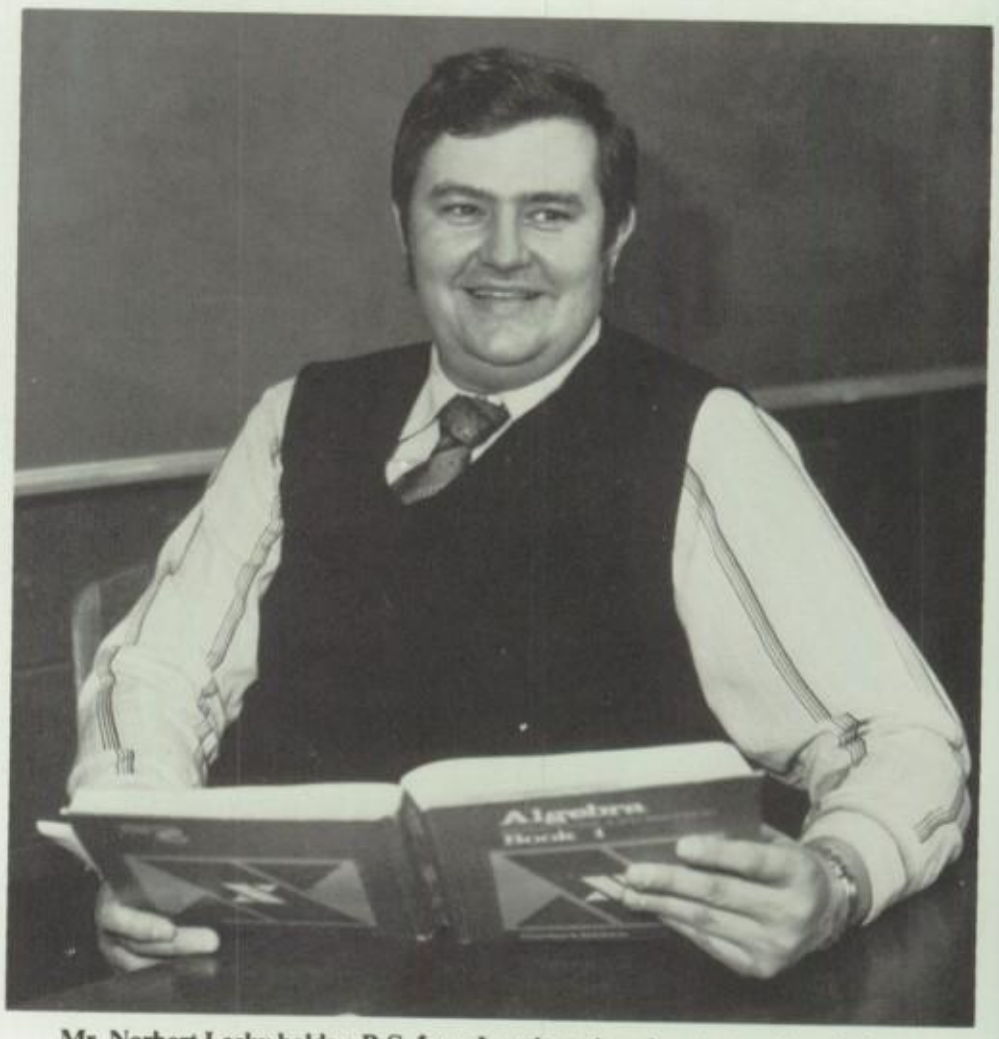
Now in his sixteenth year at Rita, Mr. Phillip Igoe holds a B.S. from Western Michigan and enjoys golf.

Lasky Encourages Four Years Of Math

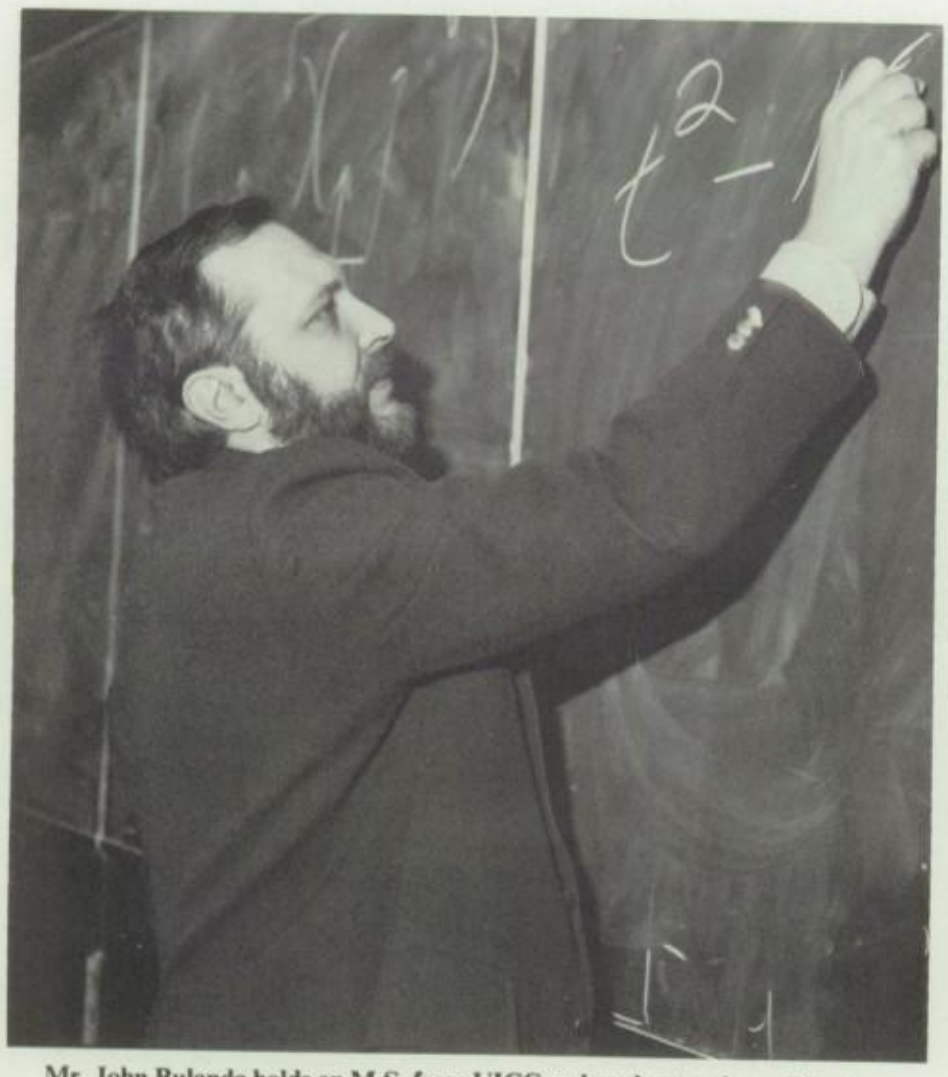
"I am disappointed that more of our students do not choose to take a full four years of math," said Department Chairman Mr. Norbert Lasky. "Many of our students decide that they will not take math after the two required subjects (algebra and geometry) have been completed. I think this is a mistake for two reasons. Most colleges require several courses in math and students who take additional math courses in high school are more prepared for college work. Secondly, almost everything we do involves math of one type or another. Math knowledge is important in many of our day to day situations."

Computer math is offered every year by the department but not enough students choose the course on registration day. According to Lasky, "I have a hunch that many of our students think that computer math is an especially difficult subject. But they are mistaken. If we could get enough students to take the course even one year, Lasky cited his staff which he believes has done a very good job working with a wide range of student abilities. "All the men in the department have worked the hope that it will eventually be accepted.

As he reflected on the positive aspects of the school year, Lasky sighted his staff which he believes has done a very good job working with a wide range of student abilities. "All the men in the department have worked very hard this year and have succeeded very well in reaching their students. The quality of the department is at one of its highest points since I began teaching at St. Rita. I also owe a special thanks to Fr. Flach (who entered the department after completing 8 years as principal) for generously teaching an additional class."

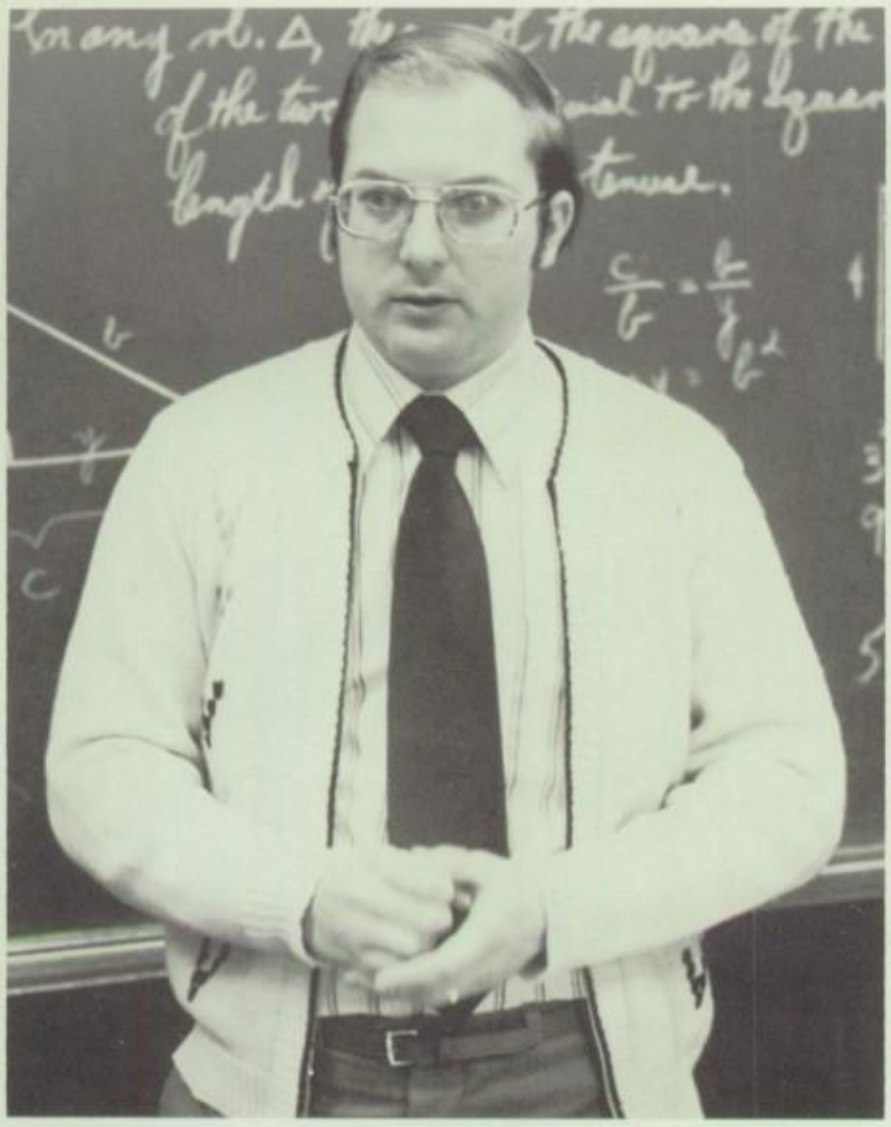


Mr. Norbert Lasky holds a B.S. from Loyola and moderates tennis and chess.

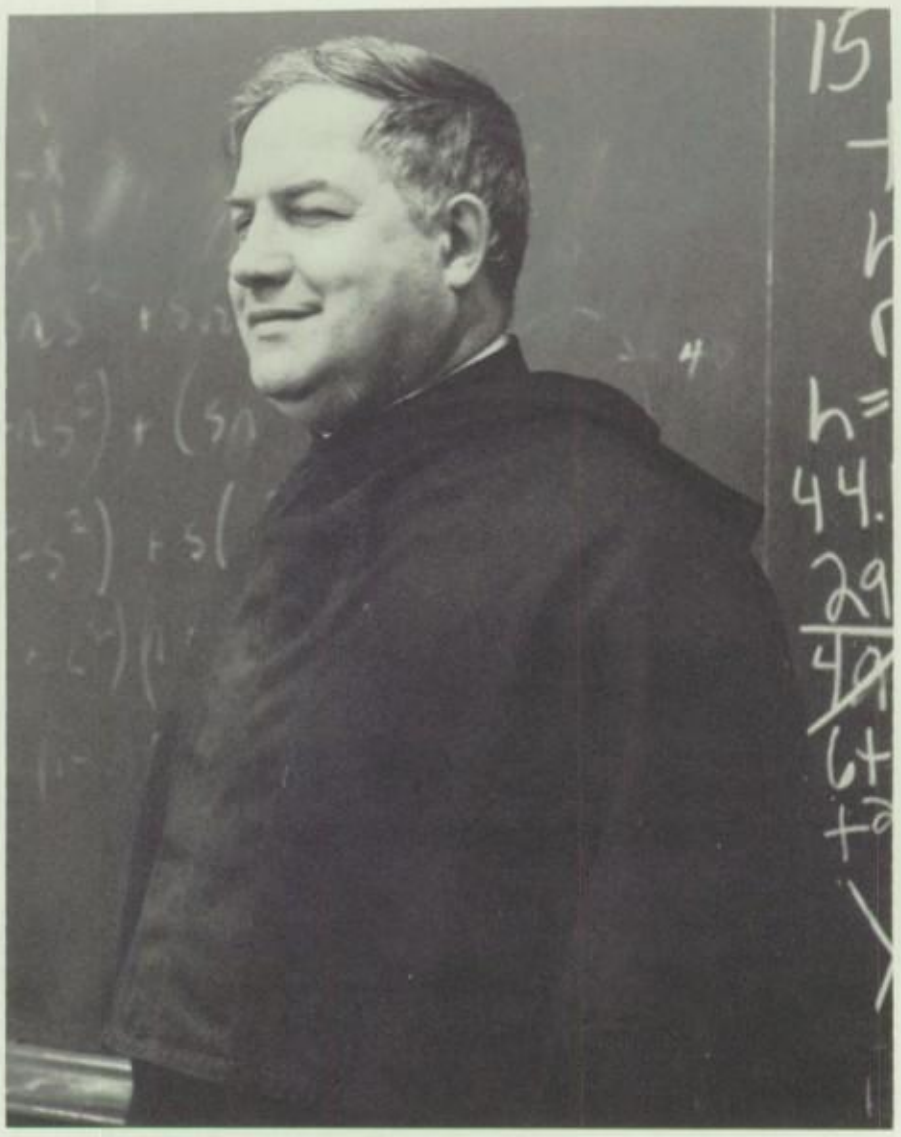


Mr. John Bulanda holds an M.S. from UICC and moderates the math tutors.

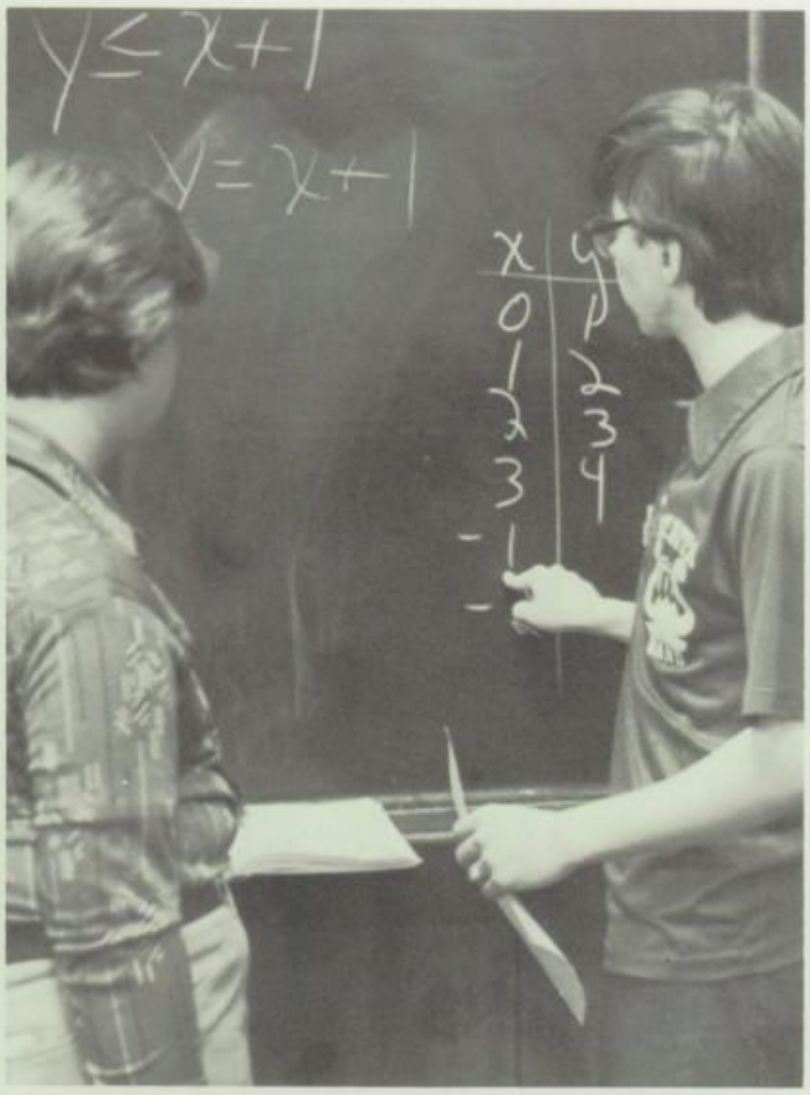
Phil Fortier proves that one line may be the axis for many circles in geometry.



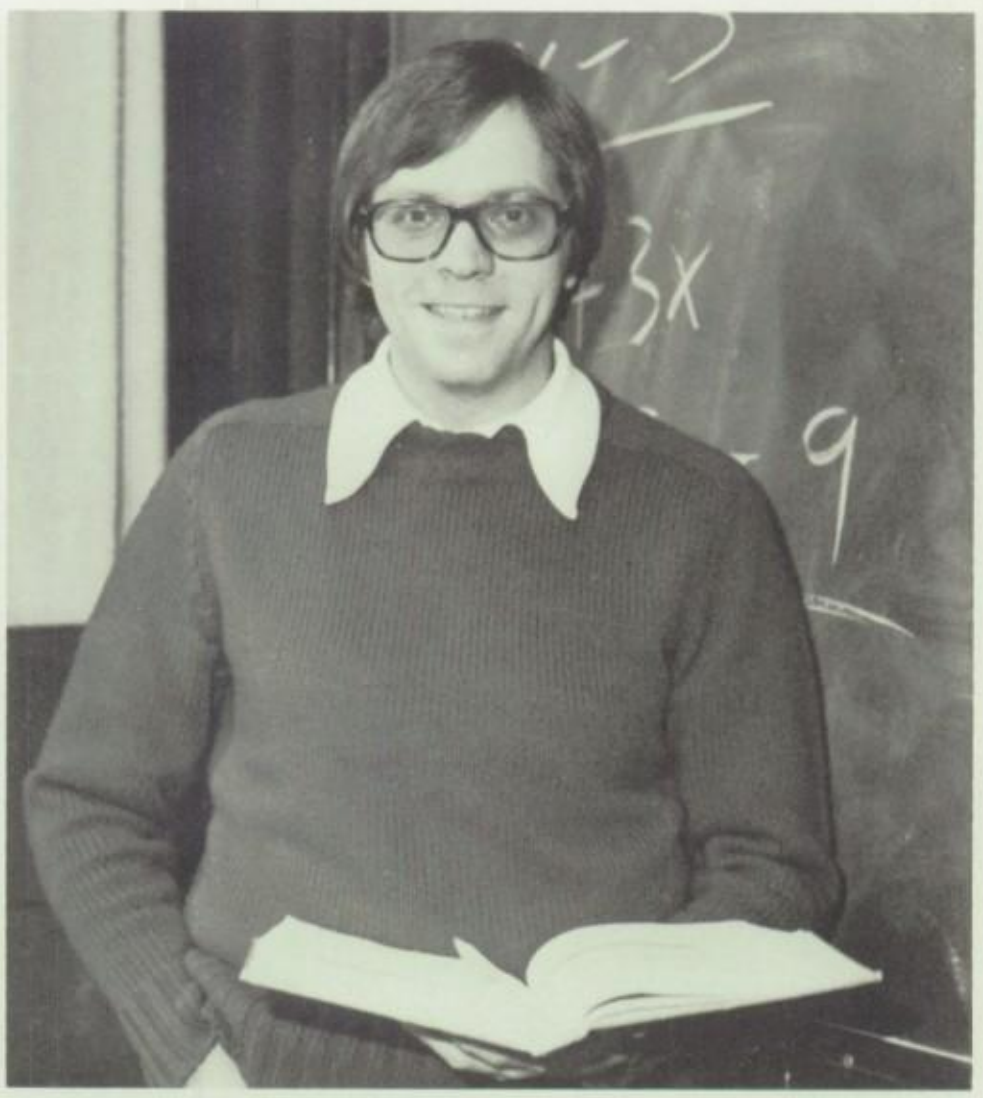
Mr. Lawrence Genge, now in his third year at St. Rita, holds a B.A. from McKendree College and teaches both Algebra I and II. He is the sophomore cross country coach and the assistant track coach.



Fr. LaVern Flach holds an M.A. from Villanova University and teaches freshman algebra. He took on an extra class this year to accommodate the increase in enrollment. He is moderator of the Mothers' Club.



Math tutor Mark Marion helps a freshman with some algebra difficulties.



Mr. Jack Janeczko holds an M.Ed. from UICC and is the assistant baseball and basketball coach.

Pawlowski Welcomes French — Again

Mr. Gregory Pawlowski, Chairman of the Language Department, is very proud of the fact that for the first time in five years a second language will be offered by the department. The increase in student enrollment played a major part in the successful addition of French to the 1980-81 curriculum. "This is the first time in several years that the student numbers were large enough to insure that the language wouldn't just fade away," said Mr. Pawlowski. "I hope that with the four new classes of French being offered next year we will eventually be able to produce at least two advanced French classes in the future."

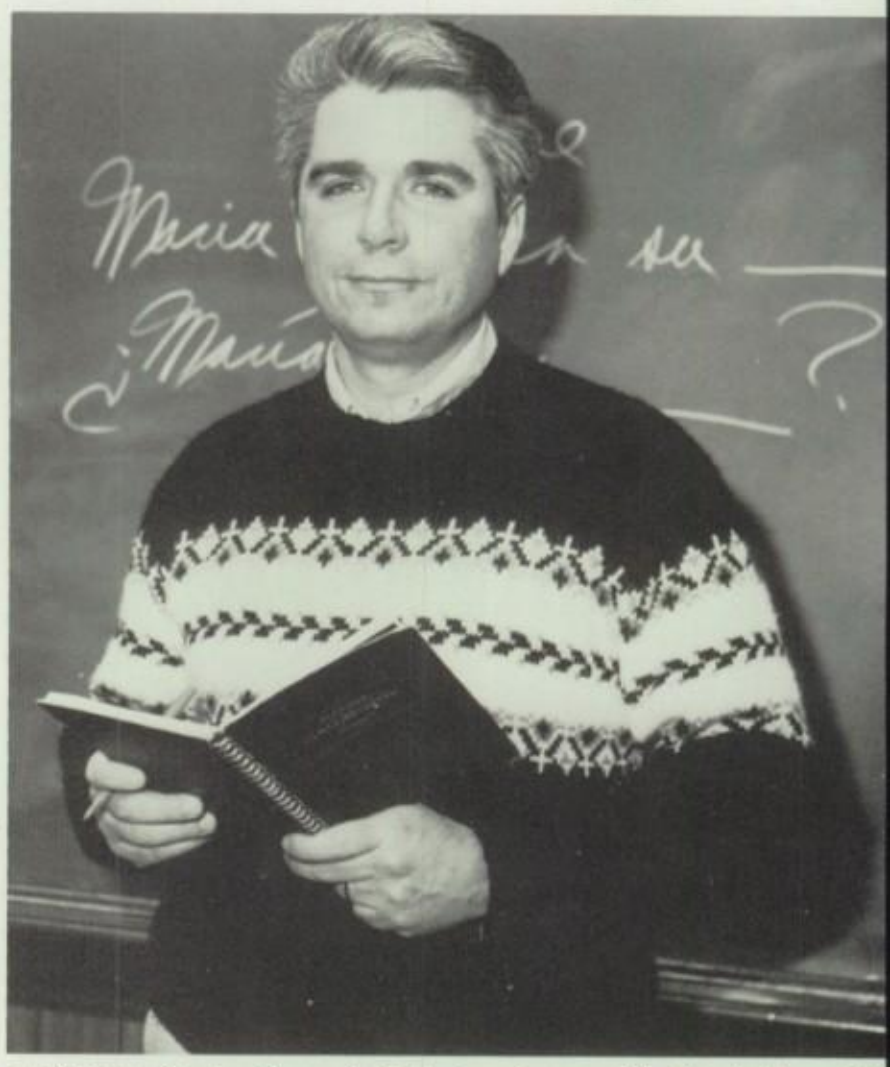
Mr. Pawlowski, whose Master's Degree is in French, will teach three of the classes, and Mr. Guy Hofer, whose major is French, will teach the fourth.

"We have spent a good many years trying to bring a second language back into the department," the Chairman continued. "There were years when members of the department actually campaigned for French by vising classes at registration time. It is very rewarding to see our constant efforts finally paying off."

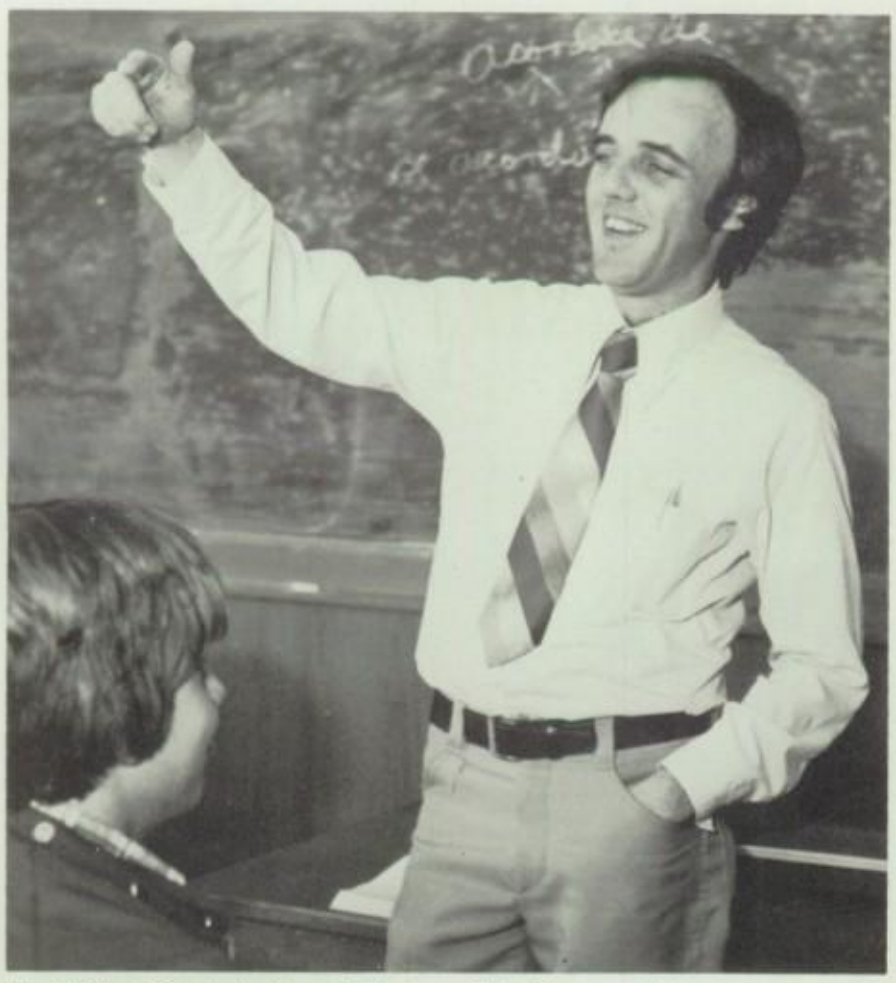
Mr. Pawlowski was also encouraged by the fact that the language lab has been properly maintained and that it has been consistently used by the members of the department. He anticipates that the lab will be expanded to accommodate the French classes by the acquisition of new tapes and other materials.

With two languages now offered by the department, Pawlowski is confident that St. Rita students will be better able to understand the importance of foreign language study. "It necessarily promotes tolerance and open-mindedness of other peoples and their cultures — a greater understanding and acceptance of different points of view.

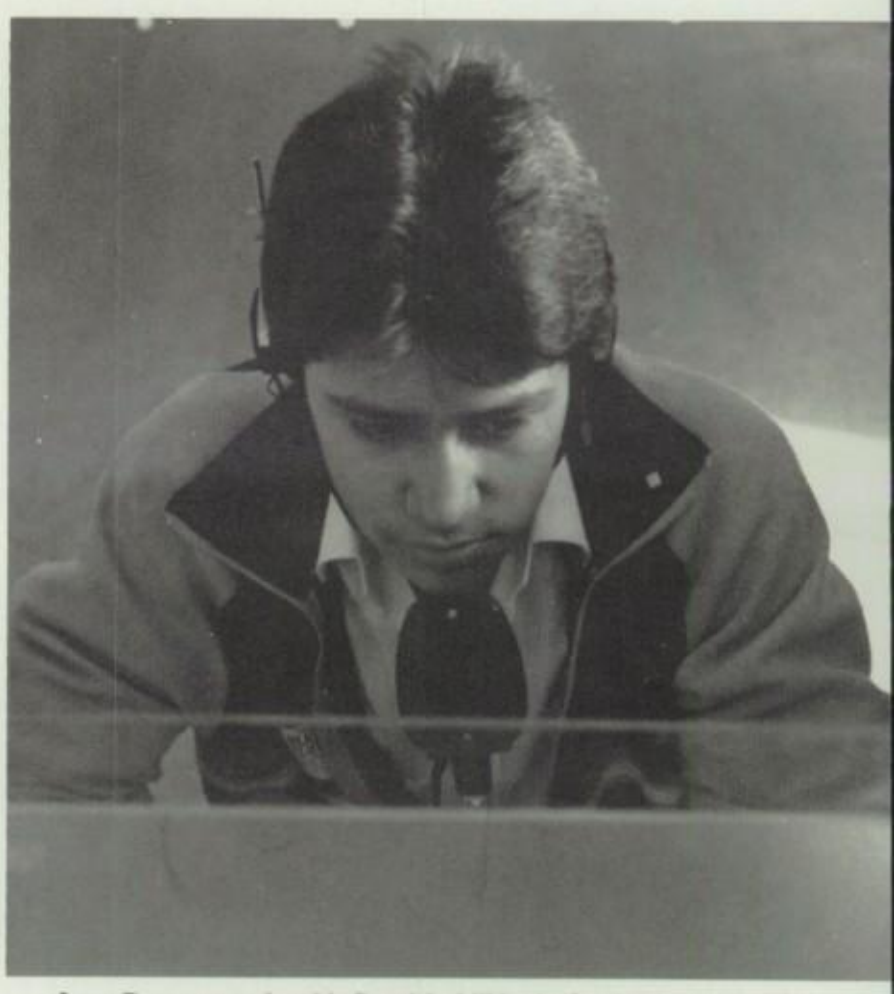
"Next year should be a very exciting one for our department and I hope that it will just be the start of some changes that we have been looking forward to for many years," he concluded.



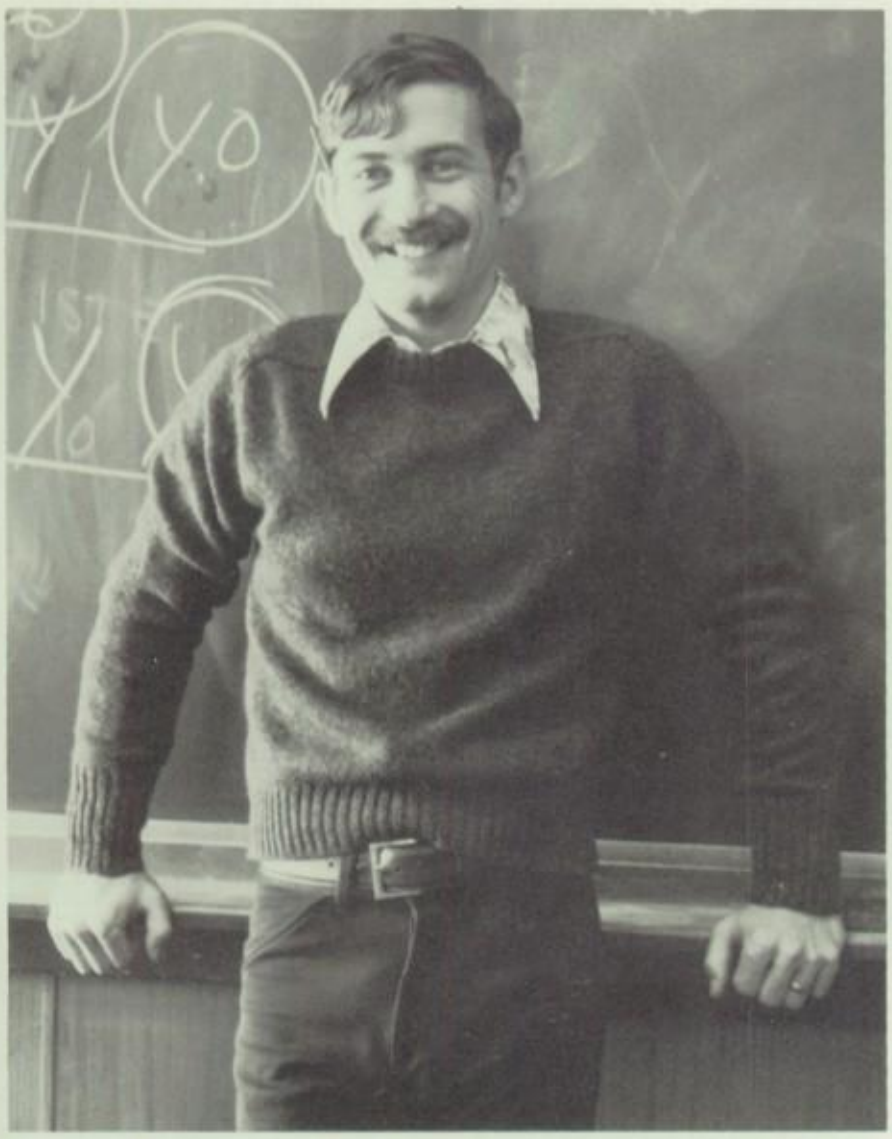
Mr. Gregory Pawlowski, now in his fourteenth year at St. Rita, holds an M.A from Loyola and a B.A. from U. of I at Urbana. He will teach three of the fou new French classes offered during the 80-81 school year.



Mr. Michael Cronin holds an M.A. from Notre Dame and is a newcomer to St. Rita.

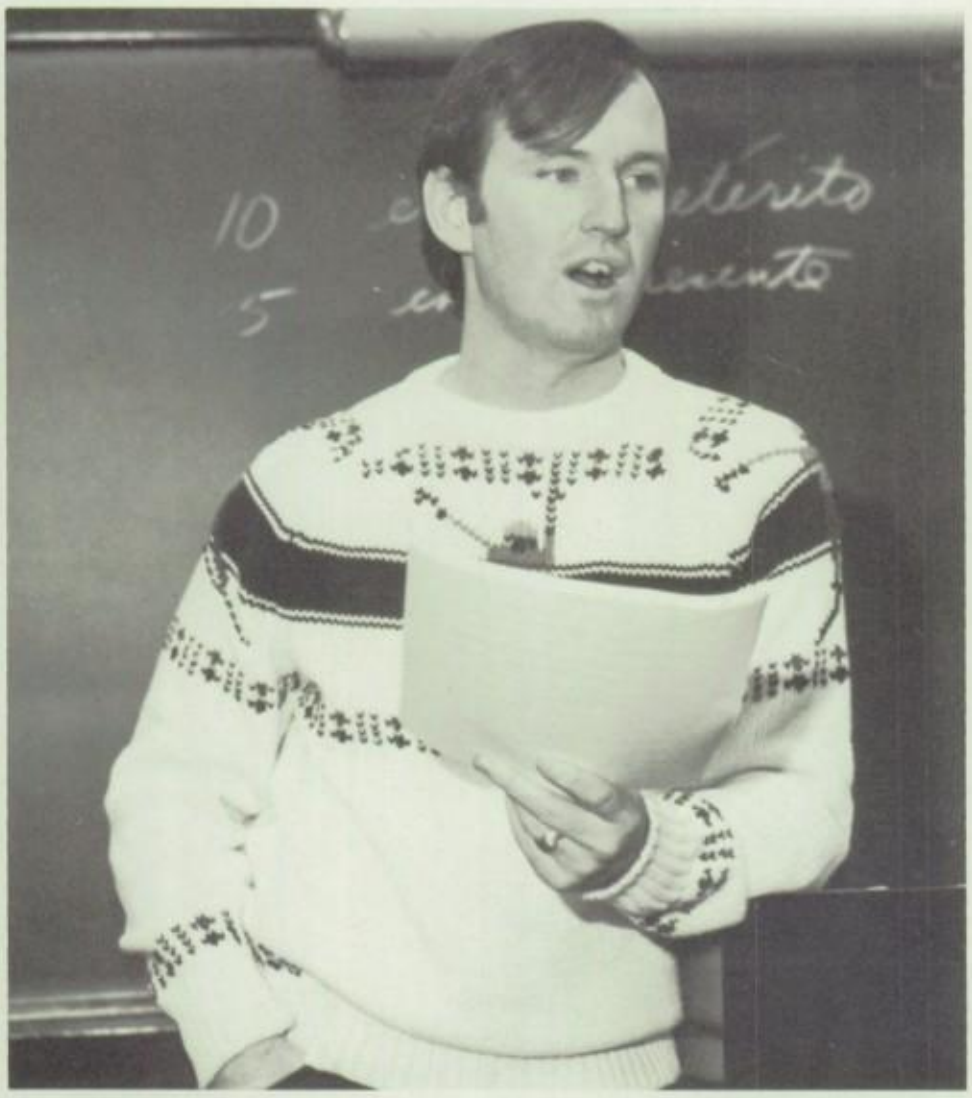


Jesus Roman practices his Spanish skill in the foreign language lab.



Mr. Guy Hofer holds a B.A. from Lewis and has been teaching at Rita for eight years. He is an assistant cross country coach. Mr. Hofer will teach one of the French classes offered next year.

Br. Mark Thedens, now in his seventeenth year at Rita, holds a B.A. from Villanova. He teaches sophomores through seniors and moderates the chorus and the Sophomore Class.



Mr. John Brennan holds a B.A. from Lewis and is the head soccer coach.

One of Br. Mark's posters which adds to the Spanish atmosphere of his class.

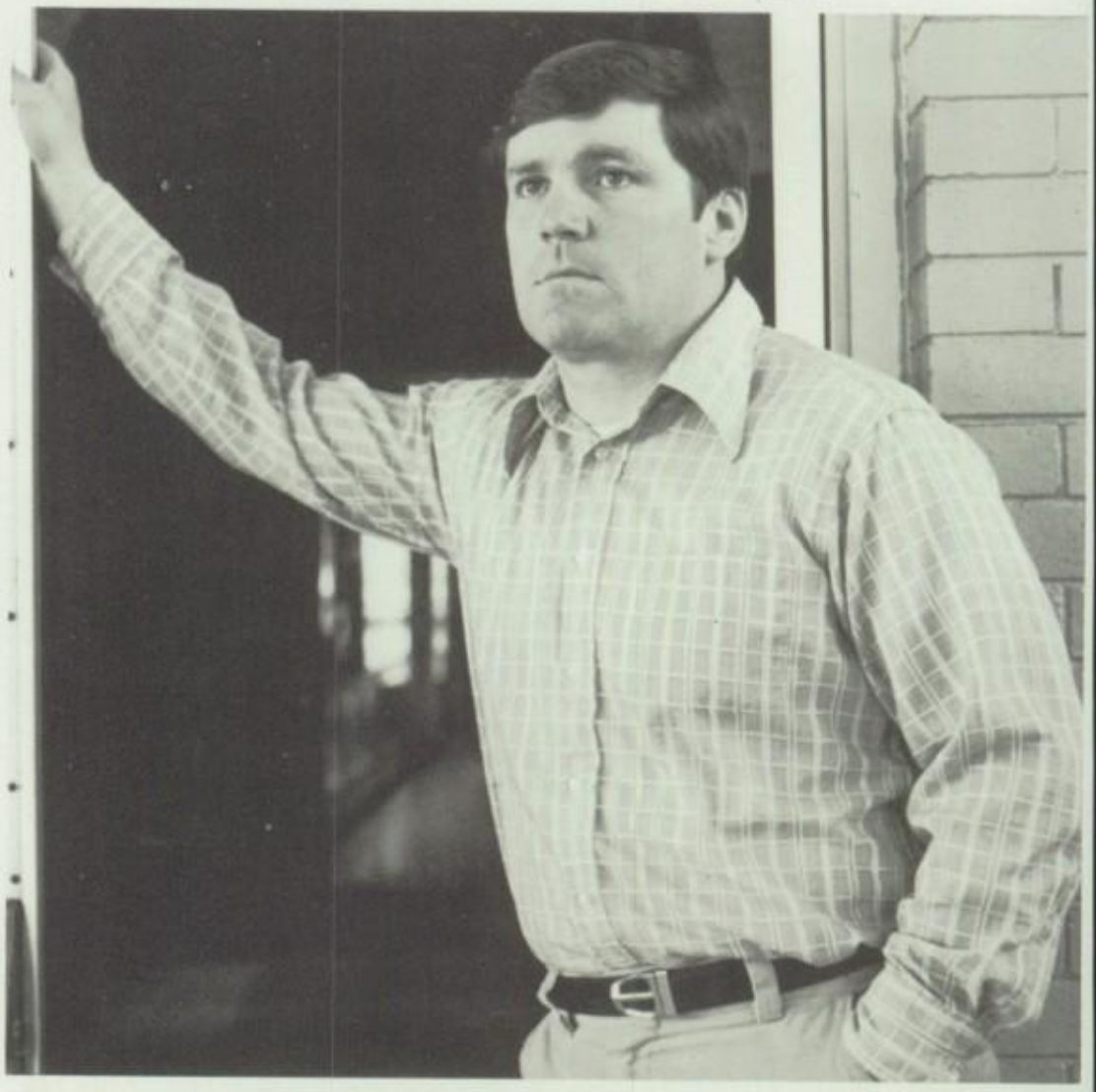
New, Organized Physical Ed. Program

The Physical Education Department, under the direction of first year Athletic Director and Chairman Mr. James Segredo, is striving for "a more organized, meaningful, and worthwhile gym class. I don't want the class to be taken lightly because it is very valuable," he said.

The gym classes, which are taught by Mr. Angsten, will now offer physical conditioning, weightlifting, and sports such as basketball, volleyball, and football; the health class will still be a part of the curriculum. "All of the activities will show the student the importance of exercise," said Mr. Segredo.

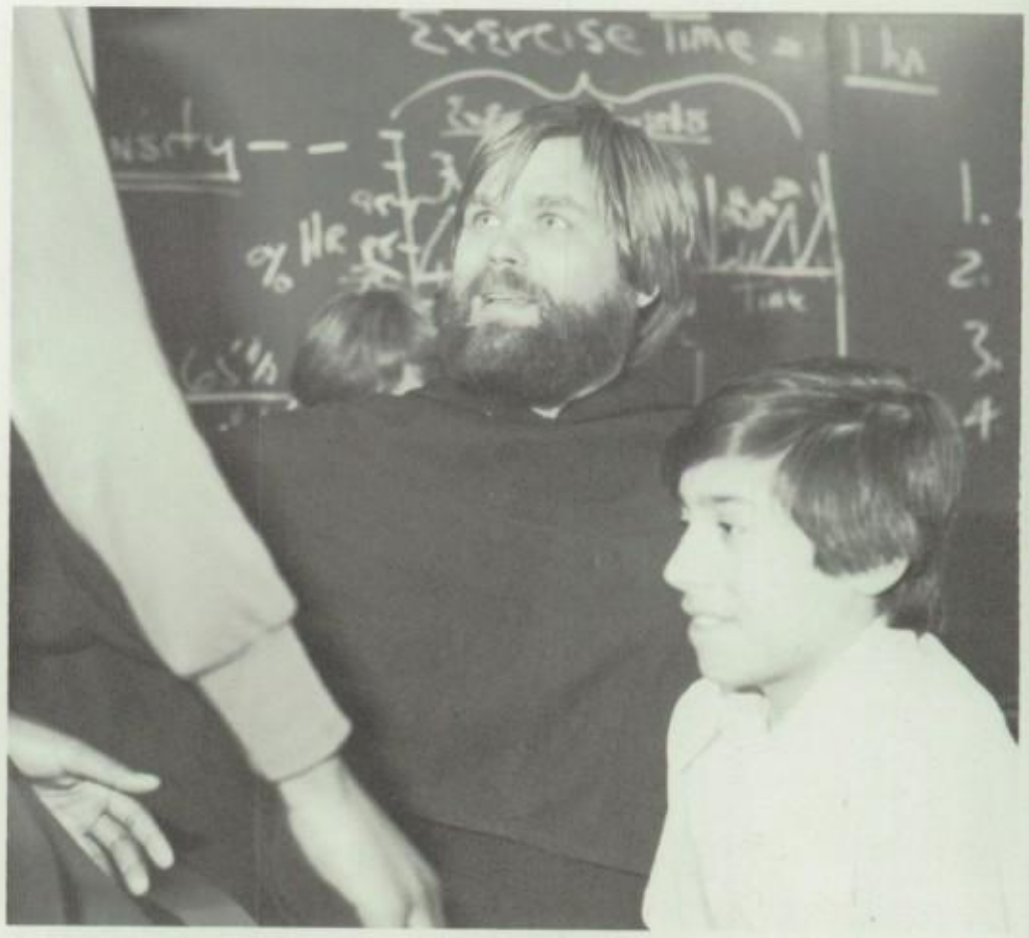
Another way that the class will be more organized is by limiting the number of students per class. "The smaller number of students will mean more space and organization to have a good gym class," said Mr. Angsten. And the students schedule will be much more clear cut since a student is likely to have gym with the same people each time rather than constantly being mixed into different sections. The gym will no longer be used as a study hall area because "it prevents the class from operating smoothly and disrupts the atmosphere," according to Mr. Segredo.

Although the class will be more organized, students will not be required to memorize game rules or techniques. Grades will be given according to attendance, strength standards, and effort. "The incoming freshmen will be introduced to an organized program, but the older students will be better able to appreciate the changes since they already know what gym classes used to be like," said Mr. Segredo.



Mr. Jim Angsten, in his second year, teaches physical education and is assistant football coach.

Mr. Pat Cronin has been at St. Rita for ten years. He has a B.A. in P.E. and is head football coach.



Br. Charles Domagalski, now in his seventh year, received his B.S. in Physical Education from Aquinas College. He is the health teacher for the school and enjoys outdoor recreation.

Solid Foundation In Industrial Arts

Mr. Florian Dodge, now in his twenty-sixth year at St. Rita, holds a B.S. in education from Northern Illinois University. He teaches Drafting I and II as well as Architectural Drafting. In his spare time, Mr. Dodge enjoys professional sports and golf.

With the fields of architecture and carpentry continuing to grow, the Industrial Arts Department continues to offer a solid foundation for both fields. Students who are interested in either area can take drafting and general shop. If their interest continues, they can go on to take architectural drafting and woodshop. "The training that a student gets in these classes can benefit him if he goes into either of the fields whether or not it be for a career or just as a hobby," said Br. Joseph Fisher, Chairman of the Department.

Twenty-six year veteran of St. Rita, Mr. Florian Dodge, teaches both the mechanical drawing and architectural drafting courses offered here. He also offers students practical experience by finding some of them jobs for the summer, especially for those who think that drafting may become their life's work.

Mr. James Economakas, a teacher of the two shop courses for twenty-eight years, introduces students to the basics of carpentry and working with wood. During the course of the year the students make clock frames, plaques, and bases for lamps.

According to Br. Joe, these courses are only a small sample of what was once a very large department. "As the years went on, the amount of students interested in the industrial arts started to fade, and courses like aeronautics, machine shop, electricity, and metal shop died because of it," he stated. "I would like to see metal shop in particular return to the curriculum because of the demand that many industries place on this skill."

Mr. James Economakas holds an M.S. from DePaul University and is now in his twenty-eighth year at St. Rita. He teaches woodshop and general shop and introduces students to the basics of carpentry. In his spare time, he enjoys bowling.

Senior Brad Stubitsch sands a piece of wood that he needs to make the frame for a clock in Mr. "E's" woodshop course. Students also make frames and plaques in shop.

Advanced Accounting Now Offered

The Business Department, under the direction of Mr. August Jeffery, is expanding its program by offering advanced accounting course that will carry college credit. The course is designed to give high school students college level competency in accounting. "To qualify for the course a student must have had the first year accounting course and he must have performed well in that class," said Mr. Jeffery.

Mr. Jeffery believes that preparing students for the future is an essential goal of his department. To realize the goal, he finds business related jobs for members of his senior classes and for graduates who are interested in business careers. "With this business related knowledge of the field and with the experience they gain from the job, I think the students are ready for the competition of the business world."

Mr. Jeffery is also very proud of the tax preparation course that the department offers. "It gives the students a better understanding of taxes and teaches them how to fill out their own tax forms — a valuable skill for all people," he concludes.

Mr. August Jeffery, now in his twenty-fourth year at Rita, holds an M.S.I.R. from Loyola and is Chairman of the department.

Mr. Richard Grill came to St. Rita in 1968. He holds a B.S. in accounting from Chicago State and is a fund-raiser.

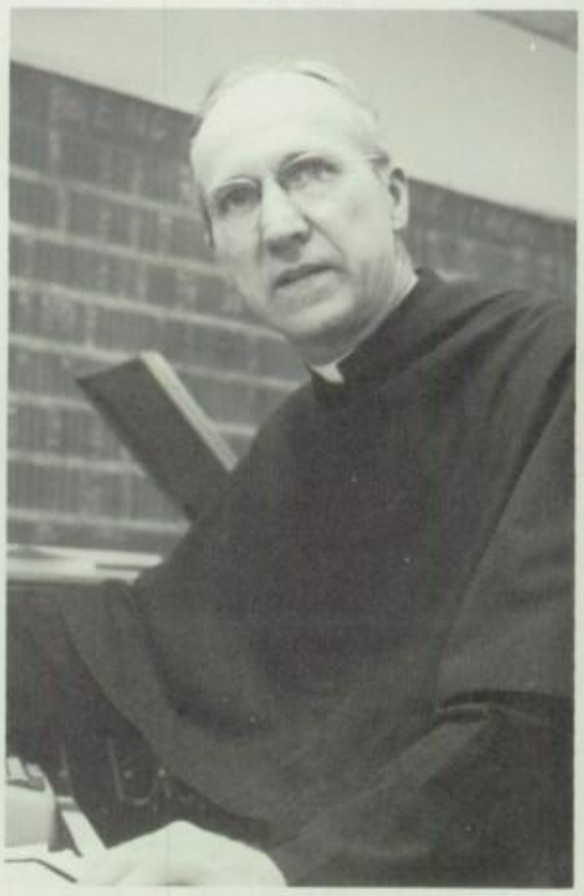
Data Room Acquires Cobol Computer

Brother Joseph Fisher, who along with Fr. Casimir Pazera is in charge of the school's data processing, is excited about the school's acquisition of three new computer systems. The new systems will be added to the two systems currently being used. "All together there are about sixteen machines involved, including disks, punches, printers, and a typewriter. All three systems are COBOL computers, one form of computer language," said Br. Joe. The systems were donated to the school by MidAMerica Federal Savings and Loan in Naperville.

According to Br. Joe, the machines will help the school use the data center more effectively since the systems can process information at a greater speed. "Even though COBOL is a much more complicated language than FORTRAN (the language of the school's present systems), I feel that the new systems can only be a great benefit to the school and will expand our knowledge of data processing," he said.

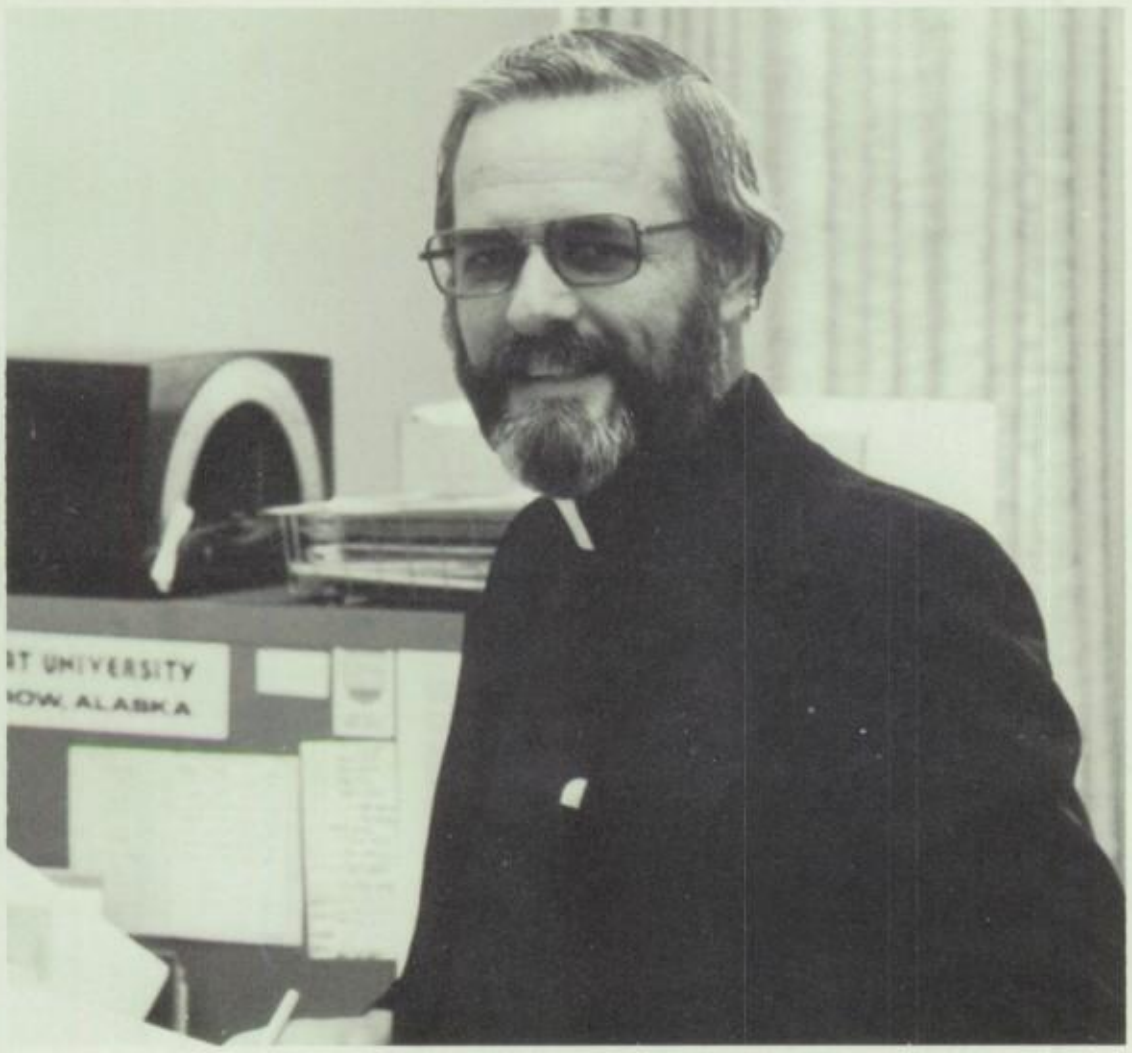
Not only will the new systems be available for school business; they will also be integrated into the data processing courses that Brother teaches to juniors and seniors. "It will make the course much more interesting and sophisticated," he concluded.

Br. Joseph Fisher holds an M.S. from Stout State and moderates the Band.



Fr. Casimir Pazera holds a B.A. from Villanova and has been at Rita nineteen years.

Grand Opening Of Counseling Center



Fr. Roland Follmann is now in his thirteenth year at St. Rita. He holds an M.A. from Villanova and is the counselor to both the juniors and seniors. Father is especially proud of the new Counseling Center which was completed by the end of the school year.

"One thing that made me very happy this year was that we are finally getting a long awaited Counseling Center for our students," said Fr. Roland Follmann, Chairman of the Guidance Department. The new center will be located on the second floor of Egan hall in room 213 and will include four counseling offices and a reading room.

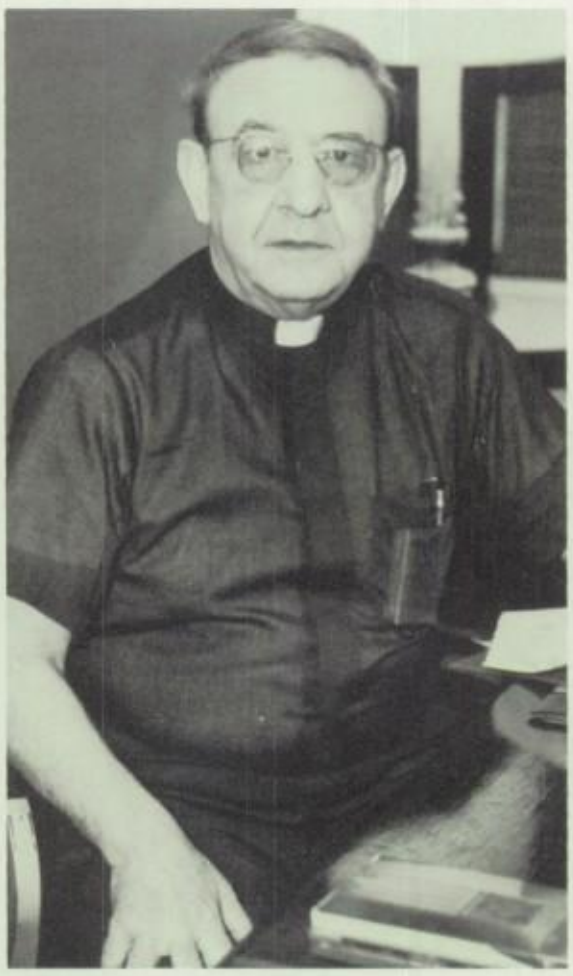
"It will be a lot easier for students to locate the offices and it will facilitate record keeping because everything will be centralized," said Fr. Follmann.

This year the department saw the addition of Freshman Counsello Mr. Michael Viollt, who, according to Follmann, has been "extremely successful in his dealings with both the students and the faculty." Next year the department will hire another counselor who will be primarily responsible for the sophomores. "I think the services the department offers will be much more effective when the work load on each man is lessened," Follmann stated. "If we can find someone with ability and talent similar to Mr. Viollt's we will be very fortunate."

One of the new projects for the department his year was to work in conjunction with the new efforts to stem student attrition. Freshmen were surveyed about their feelings toward St. Rita and those that showed any serious dissatisfaction were interviewed.

According to Follmann, the new project was successful and helped many of our new students adjust to high school life. Plans for expansion of the program have already been made.

Mr. Mike Viollt, a newcomer to St. Rita, counsels freshmen and sophomores.



Fr. Mario Porreca holds an M.A. and is the freshman counselor.

Mr. Roman Zalatoris holds an M.Ed. from DePaul and is the sophomore counselor.

Library To Be Expanded, Rearranged

Miss Deborah Rae Alford, the school's head librarian, sees a year of expansion ahead for the library. Because of the school's increased enrollment, the state will provide more funds so that the library can obtain more books and materials to satisfy the academic needs of the students. "I want to keep everything updated so that students will have a place within the school where they can do research and find up-to-date materials easily," said Ms. Alford.

"I would also like to make a physical change in the library to give a better atmosphere for reading and studying," she said. "I want to make the students as comfortable as possible to insure that this is the place for quiet studying." Ms. Alford is also interested in obtaining new, more exciting reading materials to encourage a student interest in reading. "I think that a lot of our students don't realize what the library has to offer so they keep away from it; but I want to change that," she added.

The library is also being used for more class projects which demand research. Students are able to conveniently find reference materials they need, and thereby avoid a meaningless waste of time trying various public libraries.

Ms. Deborah Rae Alford, now in her third year at St. Rita, is the school's head librarian. She holds an M.S. from Rosary College.

Mrs. Lorraine Lococo has been at St. Rita fo fourteen years and is the assistant librarian. Sh enjoys sewing and reading.

Video Tape And Camera Put To Use

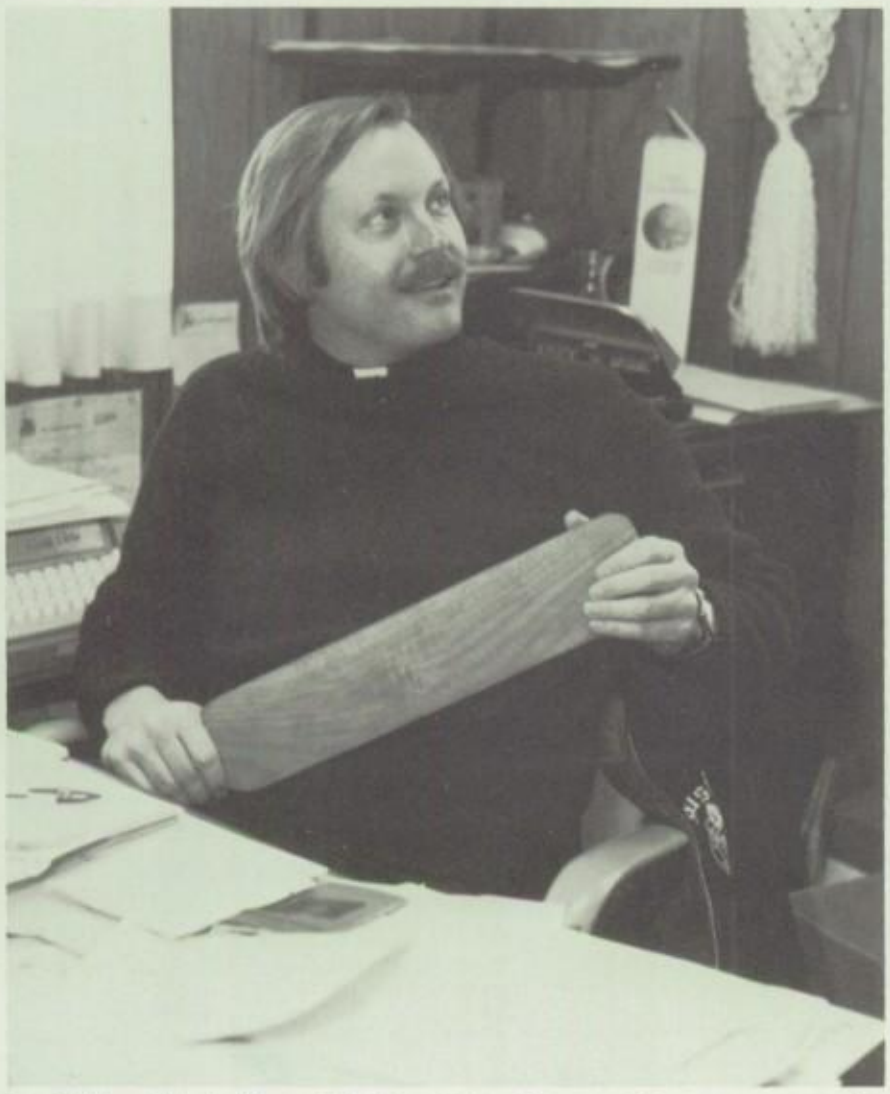
According to Mr. John Stobba, Chairman of the Audio-Visual Department, his main job is to "support the teaching strategy of all teachers, enrich the education system of the school, and assist various clubs and organizations by supplying all types of audio-visual equipment."

Mr. Stobba is especially happy that one piece of equipment, the video tape and TV camera will be used extensively next year by Ms. Sally Jo Zepeda and her Speech/Drama class. "We've always had the machine, but there were not too many uses for it," said Mr. Stobba. According to Mr. Zepeda, the machine will help students improve their speech because they will be able to see for themselves how they perform.

The department gets its materials from many different sources including the free program that the Archdiocesan Film Co-Op provides. Mr. Stobba rents from many universities all over the country and is especially interested in the quality of films that he receives. Mr. Stobba is also in the process of renewing funds which are provided by the state. "They usually provide about $500 and that money is divided among the departments depending on what materials each one needs." Most of the money buys film strips, records, maps, and 16 mm films. "Audio-visual plays a very important role in the school because the students can actually experience what they were taught in class," he concluded.

Mr. John Stobba, now in his twenty-third year at St. Rita, received his B.A. from Villanova and is the head of the Audio-Visual Department.

New Man's Policies For Discipline



Fr. William Neis holds an M.A. from Notre Dame and is a newcomer to St. Rita. He is the head disciplinarian and has brought changes to the office that have been noticed by faculty and students alike.

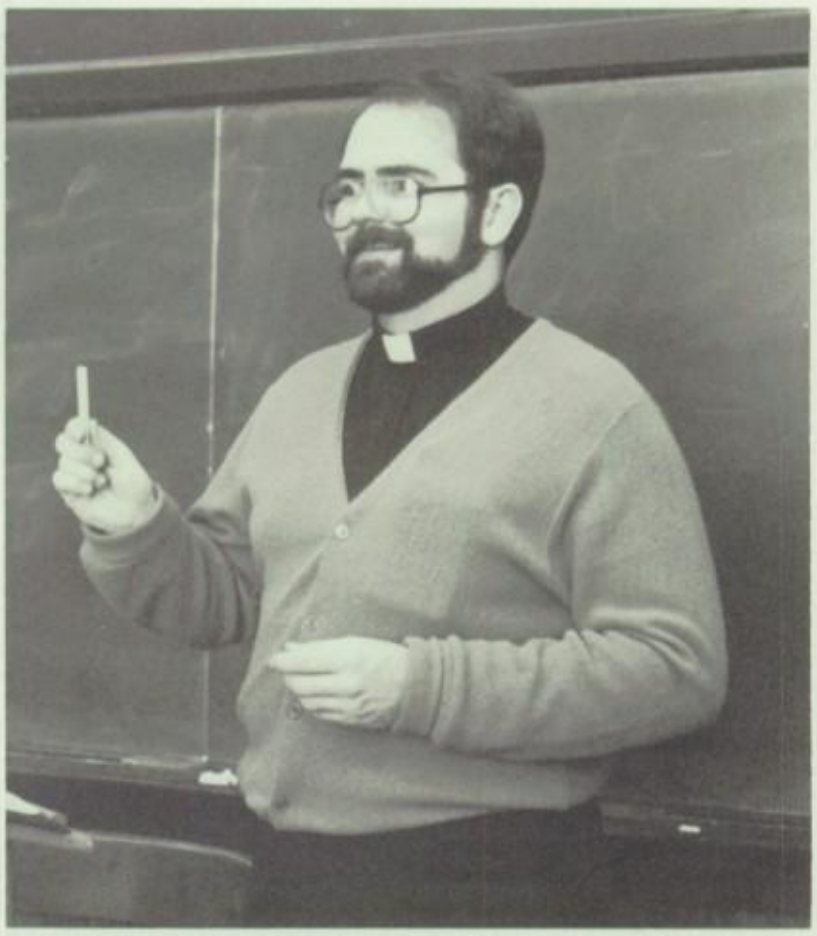
"I want to insure a good atmosphere for learning in the school, to resolve conflicts between teachers and students, and keep a sense of peace and harmony in the school, and I assume the best of everyone," said first year Disciplinarian Fr. William Neis. Under Fr. Neis's direction, the department has undergone some significant changes that both the students and the faculty have noticed.

Fr. Neis has eliminated the written detention (jug) that was used in the past and replaced it with a labor jug. Students who receive jugs report to school on Saturday mornings for four hours and help with the repair and maintenance of the school's physical plant. The students are used to paint, clean, mow grass, shovel snow, and do any of the other chores that might be important to keep the school in good condition. "I think our new punishment system is much better than having a student write for hours. The written jug is usually a waste of a student's time. With the labor jug, a student pays the school back for his mistake by doing something really useful," he continued.

According to Neis the labor jug also helps the school save approximately $10,000 per year since the work they perform on Saturdays would be work that would normally be done by contractors and the maintenance staff. And according to Father's records, the new jug is effective in that the number of students who are receiving jugs has been cut in half from last year. "It must be having an impact if less students are doing things that would get them in trouble," he stated.

Father also sees a difference in his approach to Discipline. "I feel that if a student is treated extremely harshly because he has violated a school rule, he is not going to become a better person. I am more interested in teaching students that have discipline problems so that they will not be recurrent problems. I also make the assumption that the vast majority of students are here to study and are more than willing to follow our rules."

Br. Raymond Barth holds an M.P.S. from Loyola and is a newcomer to St. Rita.



Br. Michael Schweifler is the assistant disciplinarian of the school.

Dudek Explains T.A.'s Objectives

Mr. Edward Dudek, President of the St. Rita Teachers Association, felt that he spoke for the entire group when he expressed his pleasure about the amount and quality of involvement displayed by the new members of the organization. "The fact that Mr. Mike Cronin narrowly missed being elected Treasurer after completing only one year of teaching shows that the involvement of our new teachers is greatly appreciated."

Mr. Dudek went on to spell out the purpose of the Association. "Our main purpose is to serve as a line of communication between the teachers and the school's administration. We negotiate the teachers' contracts and represent the feeling of the faculty at the meetings of the expulsion board. We also do our best to provide financial support to several of the school's projects and we are currently spending much of our money on leadership scholarships for incoming freshmen. Finally, we see ourselves as a social organization as well and hold several outings during the year to promote a spirit of togetherness."

Currently serving with Mr. Dudek as officers are Vice-President Sue Whooley, Treasurer Larry Genge and Secretary Mike Kisicki.

Teacher Association Officers: Mr. Mike Kisicki, Mr. Edward Dudek, Ms. Susan Whooley, and Mr. Larry Genge.

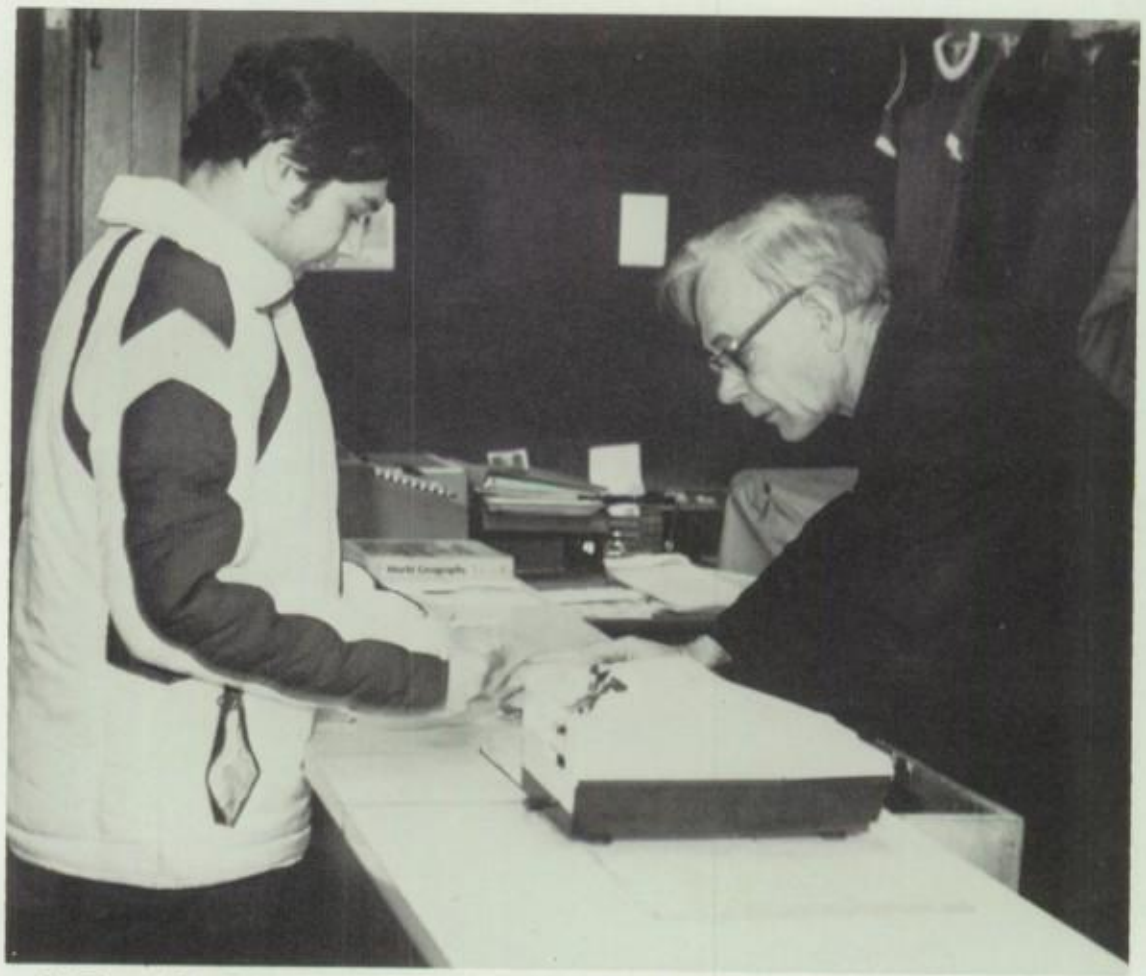
New Titles For Bookroom In The Future

Fr. Thomas VanThienen, who is responsible for the successful operation of the bookroom, feels that he "offers the students reasonable prices and saves them a lot of running around. A student doesn't have to go searching all over the city for the books that he needs. He can buy them here and usually save himself some money as well."

During the 1979-80 school year, most of the departments chose to use new books for their classes. Father orders the books during the summer and most shipments arrive in late July and early August. According to Father, approximately 90% of the books that he carried this year were new additions to the school — only 10% of the books from the year before were retained on the book list. "All the ordering and re-ordering has kept me quite busy this year," he stated.

Most department chairmen work with Father when they order books for their classes. Since he knows the "ins and outs" of the publishing business, he is able to save the school valuable time and money. Father also finds it necessary to keep in close contact with publishing companies so that he is aware of any changes in prices or methods of operation.

"I fully expect next year will be hectic since we will have a larger student body — not only will we have more books to deal with, but many of the chairmen will make changes for our new students," he concluded.



Fr. Thomas Van Thienen is in his twenty-sixth year at St. Rita and is in charge of the bookroom.

Students To See 23 Minute Lunchtime

Junior Brian Novak helps out the cafeteria staff as a cashier during the fifth period lunch. The cafeteria employs approximately ten such student workers.

After suffering a heart attack last year, Br. Daniel Gridley was able to return to work for the 1979-80 school year. "It felt great to be back because I missed the work and the school," he said.

Br. Dan is proud of the fact that students are responding to the cafeteria selections. "Many of our students tend to buy the "specials" like sloppy joes and beans and franks when the cafeteria offers them," he said. "We are also offering a wider variety of foods this year so that there is something to suit everyone's taste."

For those students who prefer it, the Archdiocesan lunch program is still being offered and is available to some qualified students at discounted prices and to some for free. The lunch program offers a complete meal of meat, bread, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

The increased enrollment will affect the cafeteria because there will now be four twenty-three minute lunch periods. A student will be given a color coded lunch pass to designate which lunch period is his. "The reason for the change is so that we will not have 800 kids coming to the cafeteria at one time. The new system will be organized and the staff will still be able to operate effectively," said Br. Dan. The student will have an additional twenty-three minutes left for a recreation period. "The lunch periods will be the same amount of time, but they will be segmented into two parts."

"Next year will be interesting and challenging since we will be using a new system. I am quite confident, however, that things will be run very smoothly once we're underway," he concluded.

Cafeteria Staff: Br. Daniel Gridley, Gertrude Marczewski, Dorothy Paulson, Beulah Frick, Shirley Mingey, Br. Patrick Strong.

Field, Classrooms Concern Tyma

Father John Tyma, Business Manager of the school and monastery, witnessed a year when school repairs and remodeling seemed to be an everyday occurrence.

It was necessary for the maintenance staff to insulate the roof of the Chapel Building to cut down on the rising price of energy needed to heat the building. It was also necessary for them to replace the gym floor because of damage done by long years of hard use. Alumni Hall, last year's major project, needed various repairs and refurbishing, including the painting of the windows for the entire building and the redecoration of the first and second floors. Finally, major work was done on the physics lab.

"My main concern remains the football field," Father commented. "It can't be used during the spring and that seems to be the time of year when it is needed most. The field takes a beating each year and it takes a lot of time and patience and care to make sure that it is ready every fall." Each year it is necessary to clean the field's drainage system, reseed bare spots, and treat the soil to prevent it from becoming compacted.

An additional amount of work was created for Father and his staff this year because of the expanded enrollment. Since the school's population will increase by approximately 150 students, four classrooms (currently used for offices) will be restored.

"Final plans for the classrooms have not been completed yet. We will spend a good deal of time over the summer on this project. We are sure now, however, that room 103 (Development Office) will be a classroom for next year. During the year we were able to convert room 213 into a Counseling Center and room 207 (athletic storage room) into a classroom."

Fr. John Tyma holds an M.A. from DePaul and is the school's business manager.

Mrs. Dolores Andrews, a newcomer to St. Rita, is the secretary to the disciplinarian.

Mrs. Mary Geraci, now in her twelfth year, is a clerk in the main office.

Mrs. Marge Byrne is the switchboard operator for the school.

Mrs. Doris Taheny is the registrar in the main office.

Mrs. Joan Straple is the secretary for the Alumni Association.

Mrs. Kathy Hofer is a typist in the main office and a newcomer to Rita.

Mrs. Pat Flynn is the secretary to the school's business office.

SPORTS

Rita Misses State, Wins South Section

The defending Illinois State Champion St. Rita Fighting Mustangs finished the 1979-80 season as co-champions of the Catholic League South Section with a 6-1 record, and were 8-2-0 overall for the season.

St. Rita opened the 1979 campaign in heart-stopping fashion with a 20-16 win over suburban Hinsdale South. Losing 16-14 with under a minute left to play in the game, quarterback George Mach led an aerial blitz against Hinsdale, passing six times to lead St. Rita to the 17-yard line with just :01 left. Mach then unloaded a score to tight end Dave Moritz for a Mustang win with no time left on the clock.

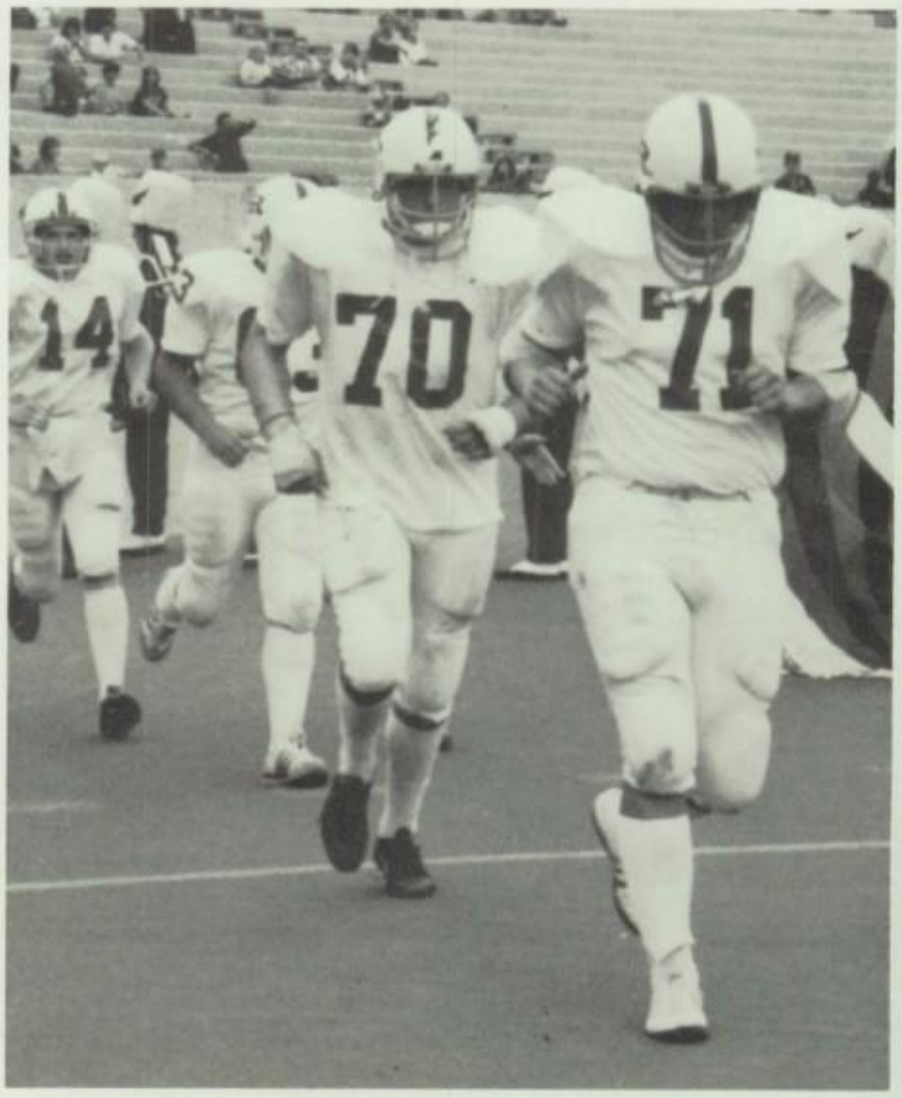
Rita then returned home against defending Public League champion Sullivan. The Tigers did score a consolation touchdown late in the 4th quarter, but St. Rita already had clinched its 22nd win in a row over the past three seasons, 26-6.

The Fighting Mustangs next crushed De Lasalle 42-0 for its 23rd straight win. Tom Arundel scored from the one and Rick Peters ran for a 30-yard score late in the 4th quarter to complete a Mustang scoring parade led by running back Joey Gorman.

Rita then travelled to Southwest Stadium to meet their third state-ranked opponent in four outings, the undefeated Leo Lions. The now 8th-ranked Mustangs routed Leo 46-6 as the defense stopped every Lion offensive drive until the 3rd string gave up a Leo touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

The 4-0 Fighting Mustangs next opened their regular league season against Catholic South rival Mendel Catholic. Nursing a worrisome 10-0 halftime lead, St. Rita exploded in the second half to bury the upset-minded Monarchs 30-6 and earn their 25th win in a row.

Homecoming found the Ritans pitted against St. Francis De Sales, and Rita did not disappoint the spirited home crowd, slaughtering the Pioneers 45-12. Strains of "Back to Normal Again," the homecoming theme, set the tone of the day as the now state-minded Mustangs looked towards their next-week matchup against the state's #1 ranked team, South Section archenemy St. Laurence.

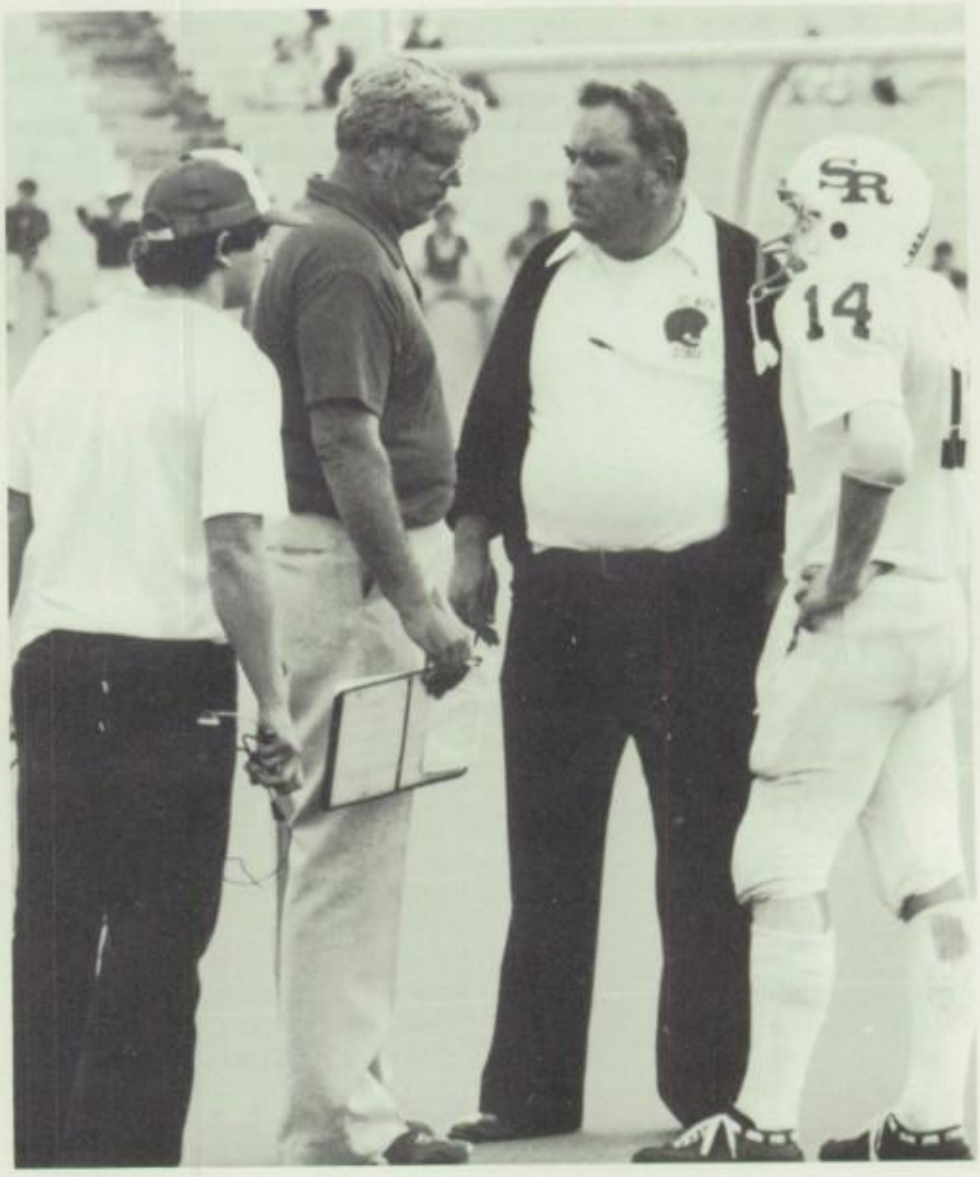


The Fighting Mustangs charge onto the field to take on the St. Laurence Vikings.

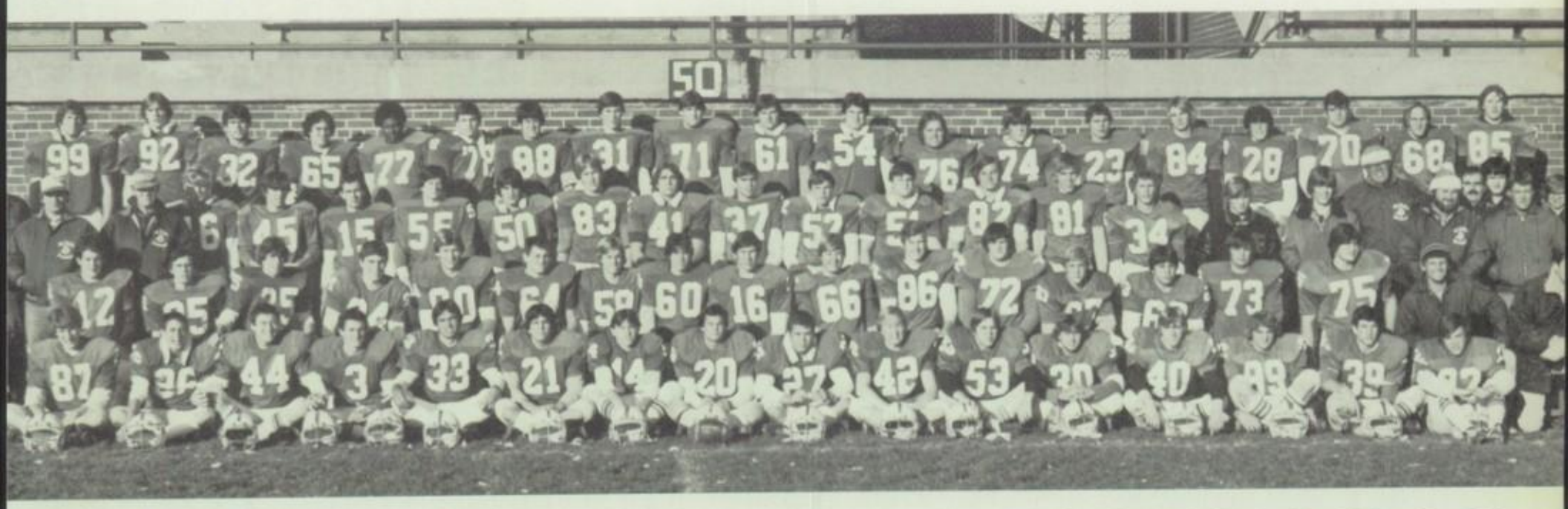
Dave Moritz breaks another Viking tackle . . .

. . . to make extra first-down yardage for a badly-needed fourth quarter touchdown.

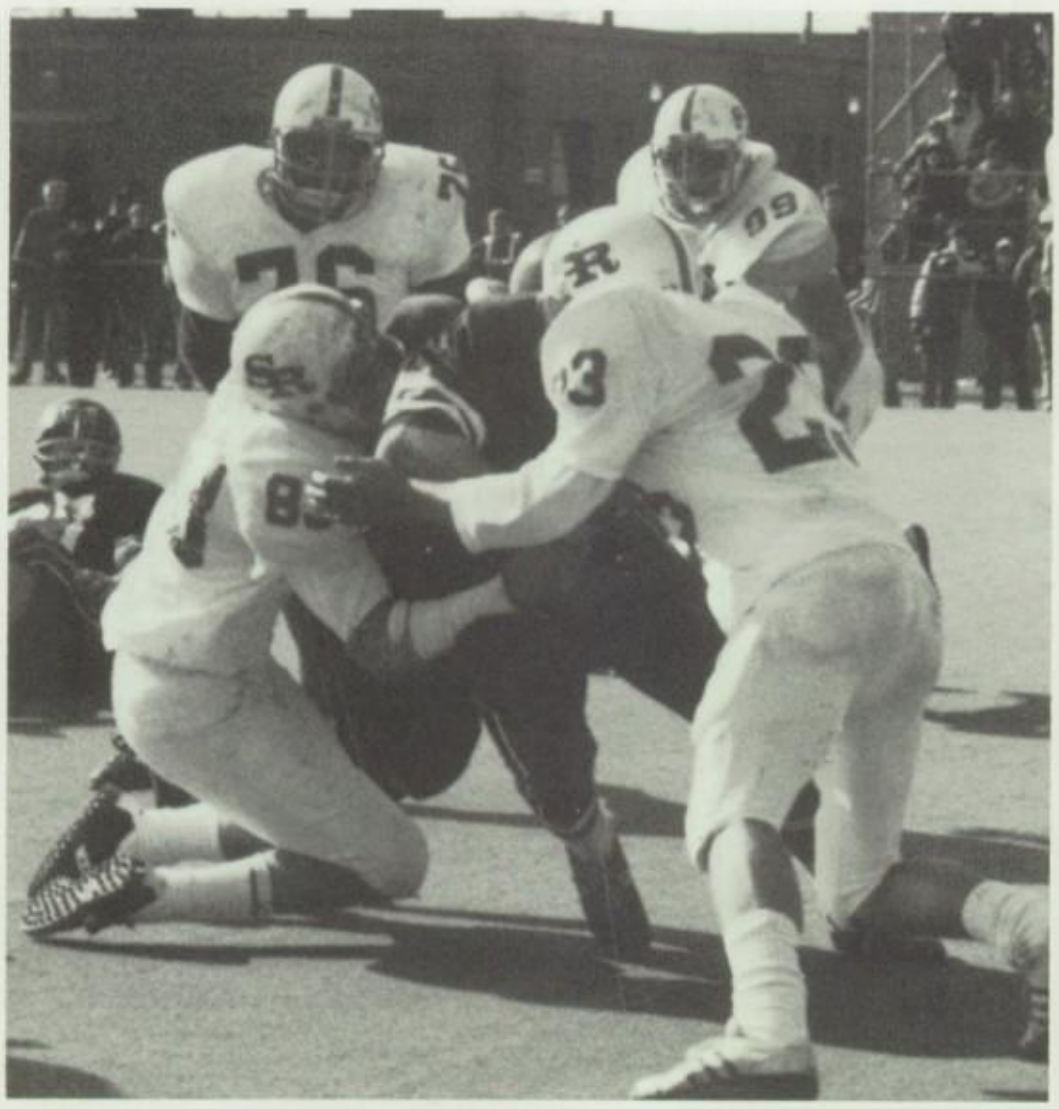
Denny Arrigo crosses the goal line for a touchdown against St. Francis.



Head Coach Pat Cronin and his staff talk over pre-game strategy with quarterback Mach.



Bottom Row: Tom Flaherty, Jeff Barry, Dave Moritz, Joe Urchak, Tony Mestan, Joe Lichay, George Mach, Denny Arrigo, Joey Gorman, Joel Finlon, Terry Wilson, Gene Satka, John Anson, Jerry Plant, Mike Lannan, Jeff Porter. 2nd Row: Mike Anderson, Ted Kerrigan, John Danaher, Ken Hansen, Ken Partyka, Jeff Rizzi, Mark Porlier, John McAuliffe, Phil Hultquist, Brian Erickson, Bill Mulchrone, Zenon McHugh, Dave Knowski, Tony Sciallaba, Mike Yost, John Scott, Asst. Coach Woody Urchak, Asst. Coach Jim Angsten. 3rd Row: Asst. Coach Tom Sola, Asst. Coach Ray Jagielski, Asst. Coach Tom Barry, Rick Peters, Matty Nolan, George Gorman, Tom Hackett, Marty Allen, Ron Weissnehoffer, Butch Mlodzinski, Rick Dix, Mark Cetera, Bill Bonk, Ken Kruszynski, Danny Louis, Tony Zvirblis, Tom Porter, Tim Larkin (mgr.), Head Coach Pat Cronin, Asst. Coach Ray Bugal, Trainer John Hartl, Mike Kenny (mgr.), Asst. Coach Bill Brady, student trainer John Riordon. Top Row: Ed Duffy, Andy Wagner, Tom Arundel, Jeff O'Dowd, Demetrious Mosely, Greg Stepanek, Daniel Ricci, Steven Taylor, Jim Lick, Ted Francis, Ed Barrett, Ron Gatto, Marty McCormick, Dan Ahmer, Ken Leifker, Steve McGowan, Tom Knoebel, Brad Stubitsch, Dave Madlener.

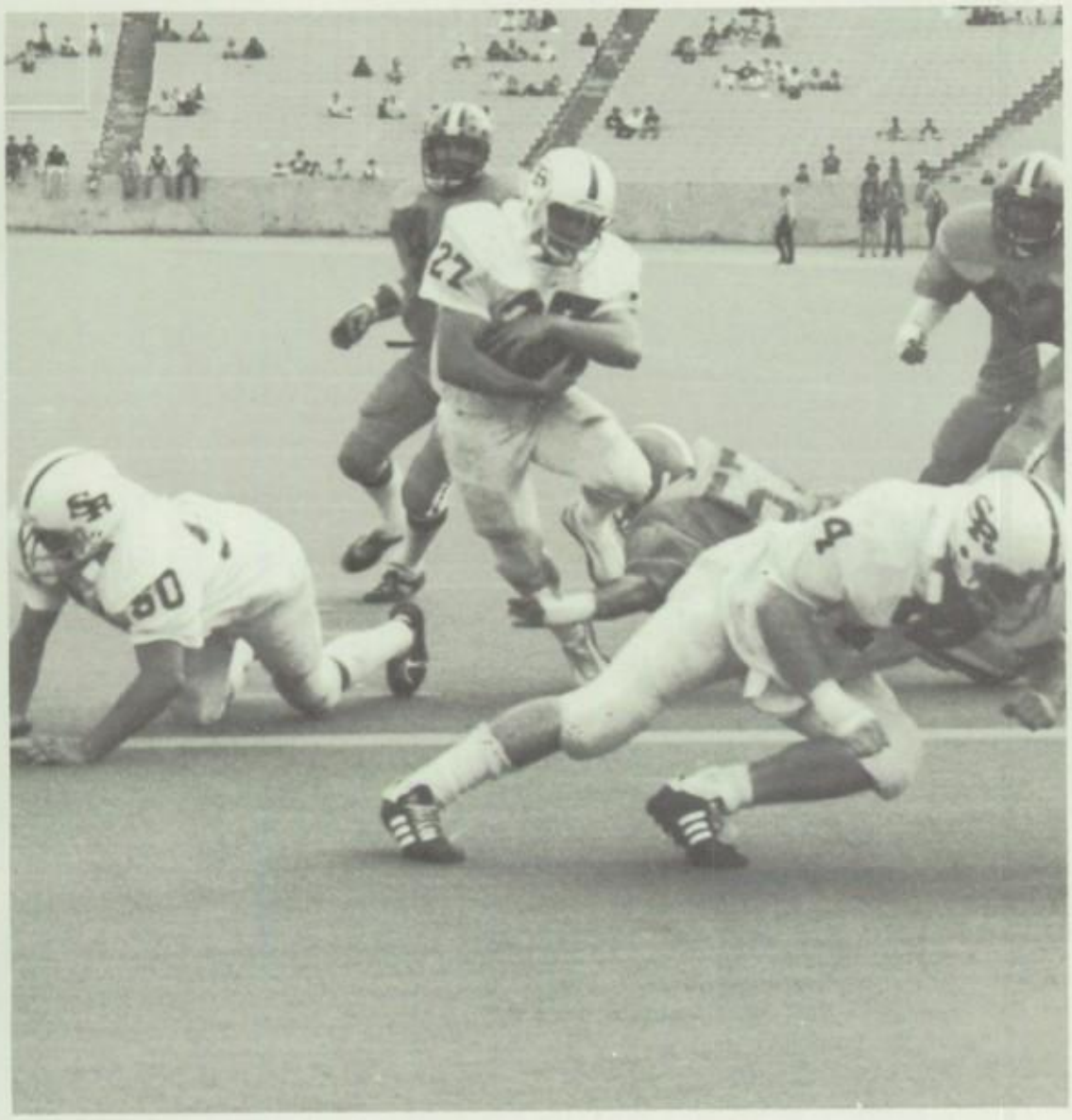


Brother Rice ball-carrier can't get past the Fighting Mustang defense of Ken Kruszynski and Dan Ahmer.

George Mach looks downfield for an open receiver.

Ed Duffy ready to flatten the St. Francis defense.

Marty Allen talks to Arrigo and Bill Bonk as loss to St. Laurence nears the end.



Marty McCormick and Marty Allen clear the way for Joey Gorman against St. Laurence.

In an emotional game, St. Rita lost a heartbreaking 21-20 decision to end their 26-game win streak and deflate their chances of taking the South and going downstate.

Rita entered the game ranked #2 in the state, right behind #1 St. Laurence. The Vikings held a 14-8 halftime lead and went ahead 21-8 in the 3rd quarter before a Mach-to-Moritz touchdown pass and a recovered Viking fumble on the 10 turned into two late Mustang scores. St. Rita failed to convert either of the two-point conversions, however, and a last-gasp drive with :48 left in the game ended when Mach was intercepted at mid-field.

Rita returned home to take on Mt. Carmel and, despite the emotional drain of the Laurence loss, held on for a 14-0 win.

The 7-1 Mustangs got new life that day, however, for Br. Rice upset St. Laurence 14-6, leaving Rita, Rice and Laurence tied for the league lead with one game left. A Mustang win would send the Red and Blue downstate as South Section champions if Laurence lost their last game.

Rita did what it had to with a hard-fought 14-10 win over state-ranked Rice, but St. Laurence also won, dashing St. Rita's hopes for another trip to Normal. Rita instead got a bid to the new Metro Bowl but, uninspired, lost to Loyola 34-12.

St. Rita's freshmen did win the Catholic League championship with a perfect 7-0-0 mark, giving Coach Cronin and St. Rita great promise ahead in league and state football.

St. Rita's freshman football team captured the Catholic League championship in 1979. They are: Bottom Row: Joe Kelly, Ken Michalowski, Alan Letourneau, Tommy Lynch, Brian Coe, Steve Schaller, Brian Neville, John Burbatt, Marty Nagle, Pat Gorman, and Solomon Duncan. 2nd Row: Paul Tonietto, John Gremer, Dan Foys, Todd Biondo, Brian Zalonis, Tom Boehm, Ernie Chisholm, Mark Vaitkus, Joe Jenkins, Jeff Kerney, Brian Bolcerek, Bob Jojnacki, Tim Murney, Jeff Doody. Top Row: Ron Gapski, Jerry Dix, John Navarro, Jim Bohenczyk, Chris Rizzi, Pat Hill, Pete Mixan, Sean Coyle, Stan Silus, Bob Gallagher, Bill Gierhan, Joe Knowski, Ken Taylor, Jon Lopez, Mike Staudacher, Eddie Gerald, Tom Casey, Dan McCormick, Asst. Coach Mike Viollt. Missing: Asst. Coach Romas Venckus, assistants Len Rizzi and Stan Sciallaba, Head Coach Jerry Monte.

Fourth Straight Winning Cage Season

St. Rita's Running Mustangs logged their second straight winning season under Coach Tom Nall, and their fourth straight winning season in a row, finishing the 1980 campaign at 14-12 overall. The 14 wins represent the 2nd highest Mustang win total in ten years. St. Rita fell to a 5-8 league record, however, the 2nd straight year the Mustangs have failed to crack the .500 mark in Catholic cage action.

The season leaves Coach Nall with a 27-23 lifetime mark at St. Rita; and he was chosen "Catholic League Man of the Year" by the Chicago Catholic League Coaches Association.

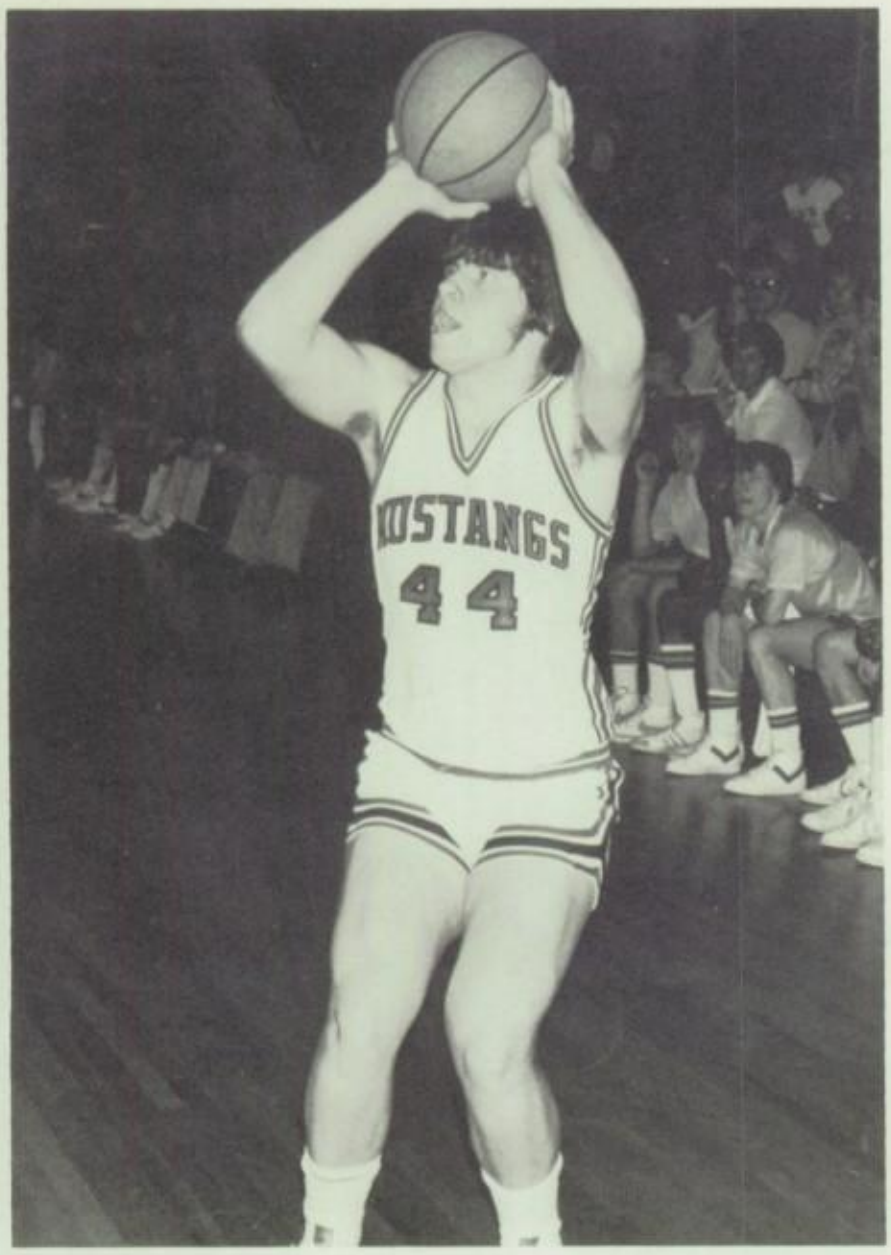
St. Rita opened the 1980 season with a championship at the Rockford Thanksgiving Tourney, the second straight such championship under Nall. Rita returned home to nip the Curie Condors 63-62, to run their preseason record to 4-0.

Led by guards Tony Shelly and George Porter and forwards Brian Bonnett and Craig Delaney, Rita then defeated Argo 56-51 for a 5-0 start. Ironically, Argo would return to haunt St. Rita in the first game of the state playoffs.

Center Greg Mitchell exploded in the Running Mustang's league opener, defeating the state-ranked Mendel Monarchs of Coach Mike Flaherty in a place where the Monarchs rarely lose — at home. Rita won 60-53.

Jim Carney looks for an open man before the pass in the Rita-DeLaSalle game.

Bottom Row: Mike Kenny (manager), Tony Shelly, Don Mitchell, Tim McIntyre, Tim Olson, Craig Taylor (manager), Bill Baker (manager). Top Row: Coach Mike Moysis, Coach Jack Brennan, Brian Bonnett, Dan Lewis, Mike White, Tom Dachota, Greg Mitchell, Jim Carney, Craig Delaney, Bob Bischoff, Coach Jack Janeczko, Head Coach Tom Nall.



Vyto Liskunas sets up for a shot from side court in the Rockford Classic.

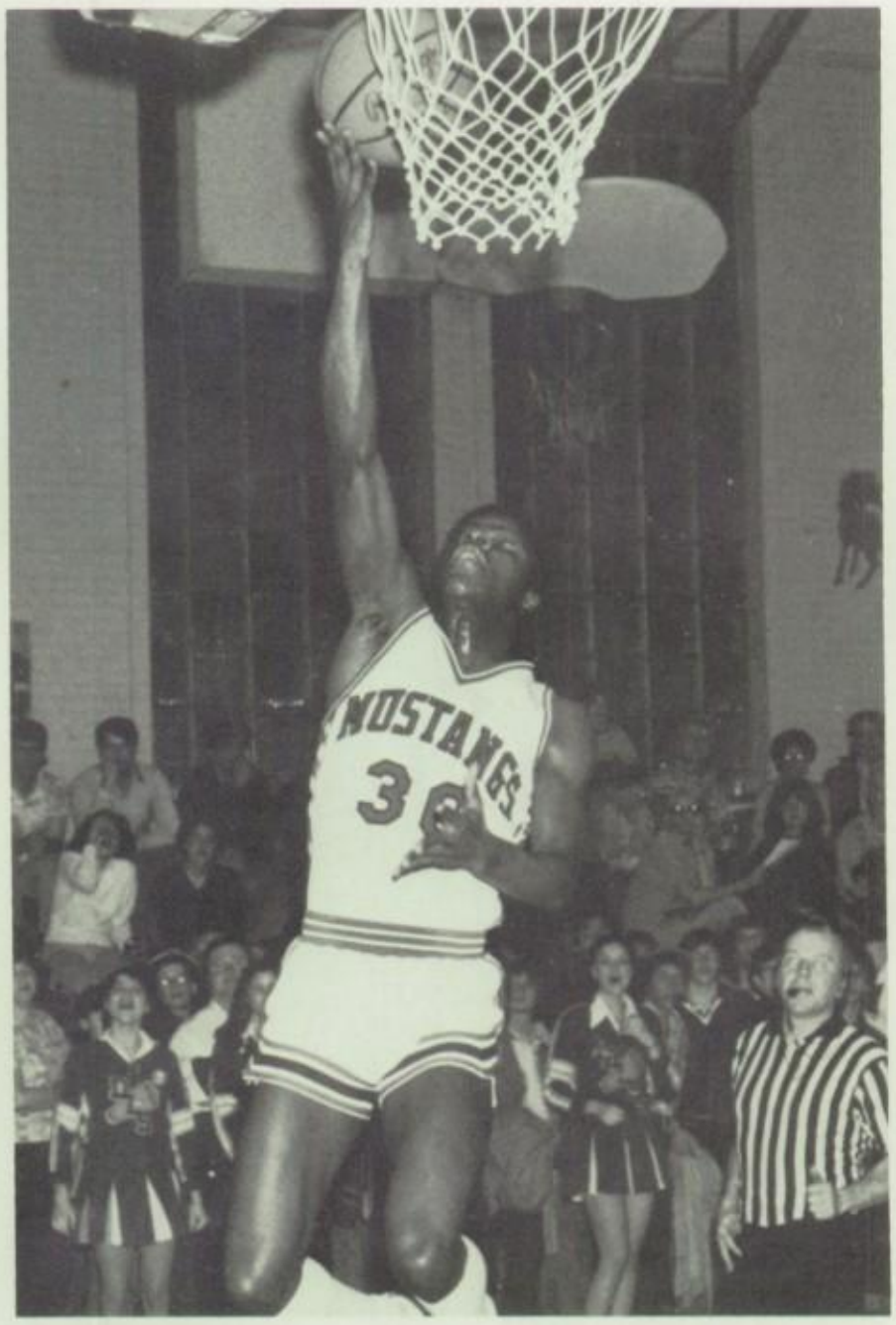
Next the Mustangs met Quigley South, where the Spartans upset Rita 60-54 in double overtime. The Mustangs then lost two more games in a row to rivals Leo (58-52) and Loyola (63-49) as Rita stumbled to a 6-3 record, 1-2 in the league.

Coach Nall revived the team in time for the prestigeous Pekin Christmas tournament, however, as a well-coached Mustang squad took 3rd among 16 schools. Rita defeated Urbana 62-60, Hersey 71-49 and Cahokia 57-54 before falling to eventual tourney champion Washington High School and bringing home a third place trophy.

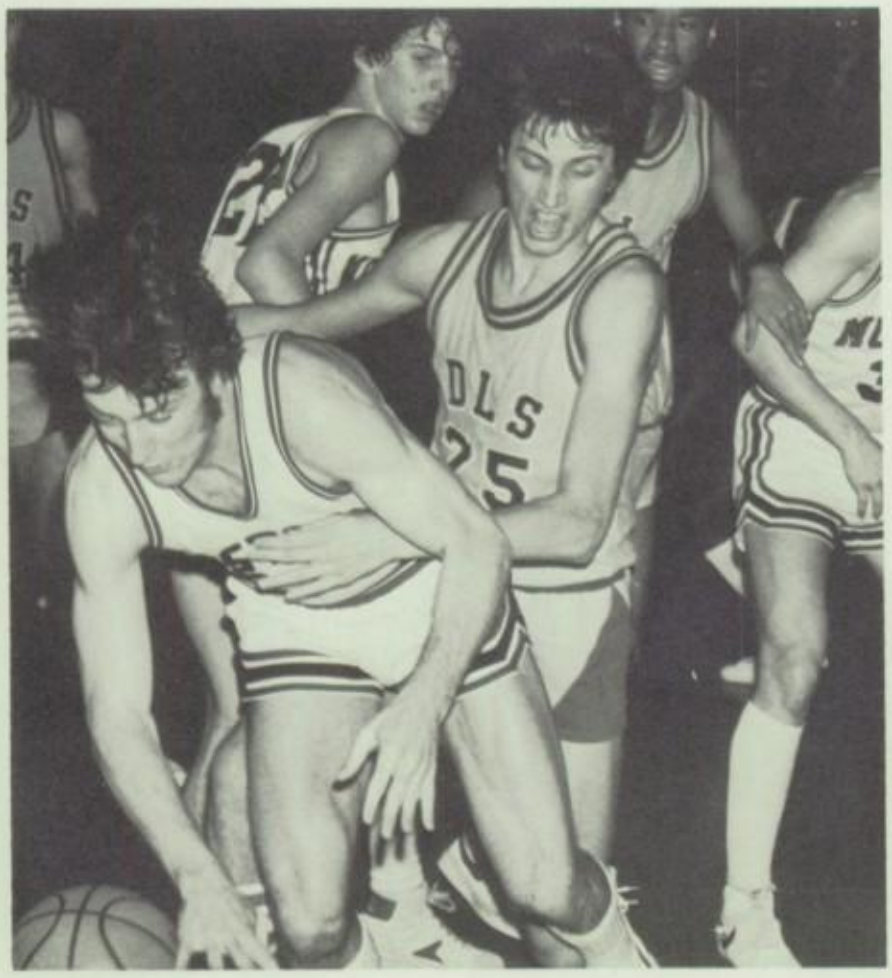
The 9-4 Ritans fell to 1-3 in the league with an on the road 62-57 loss to the Gordon Rams, but bounced back to 3-3 in the league and 11-5 overall with consecutive wins over Fenwick (53-52) and state ranked Catholic League leader Weber (66-63).

A tight 66-64 homecourt loss to Mt. Carmel in overtime once again brought down the Mustang cagemen's spirits. Holy Cross (64-57), St. Ignatius (70-60), St. Laurence (83-43), St. Francis (81-74) and DeLaSalle (61-47) all swept past the Running Mustangs as the season closed. Rita did defeat St. James 90-63, Hales 61-55, and Br. Rice 46-43 in the stretch. The 14-11 Mustangs went to the state playoffs on a high note, but fell to Argo to close the season at 14-12.

Coach Jack Janeczko led the soph Mustangs to an 8-5 league mark, 17-8 overall; while the freshmen, 12-1 in the league and 20-2 overall, won the Catholic League Championship.



Co-Captain Tony Shelly stretches on a lay-up against Argo early in the season. Rita won 56-51, but later lost to Argo in state playoffs 54-50.

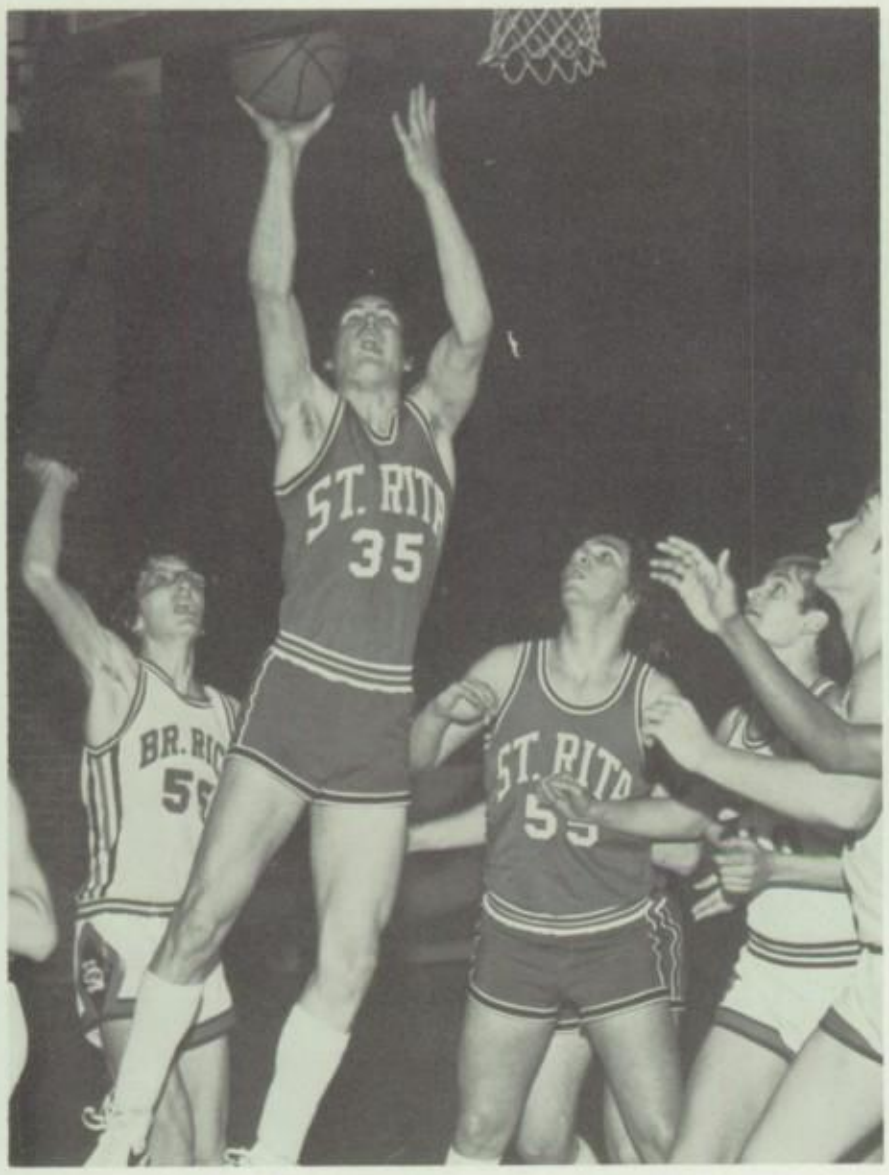


Captain Brian Bonnett chases a loose ball as he plays against Catholic League opponent DeLaSalle; Bonnett was co-captain of the Running Mustangs and was named to the 2nd string All-Star team.

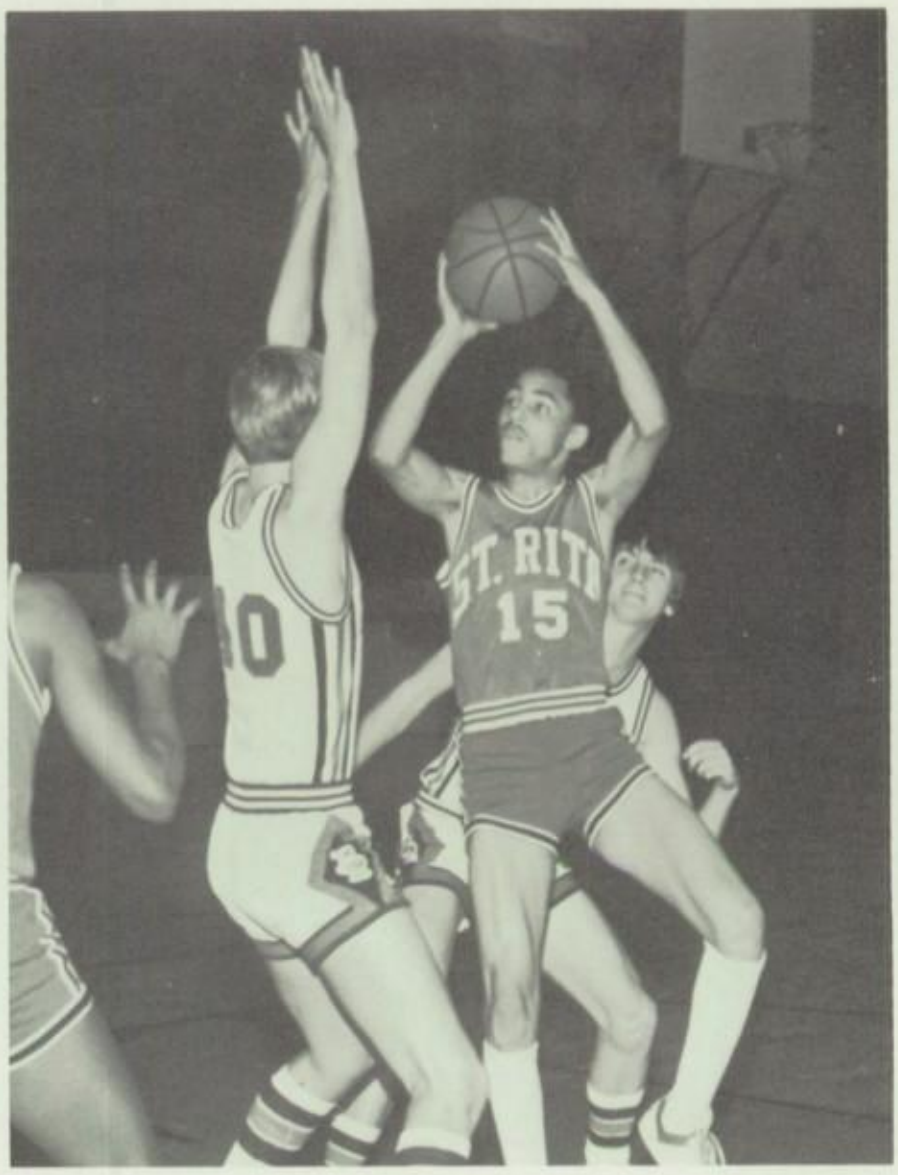
Don Mitchell gets past a Catholic league opponent to set up the fast break.

Coach Janeczko gives some last minute advice in the 4th quarter.

J.V. Team: Bottom Row: Dave Lee, Kenton Terrel, Lavoya Kerr, Don Mitchell, Henry Valesquez, Eric Whittaker. Top Row: Coach Jack Janeczko, Craig Taylor (manager), Darryl Voltz, John Burke, Ted Koziol, Mike Miller, Tom Lynch, Bob Bischoff, Cleotha Whisenton, Tony Boyd, Mike Kenny (manager).



Power forward Donny Mitchell muscles in for a lay-up against Br. Rice.



Guard Kenton Terrell, only a freshman, shoots for two past the Rice defense.

Freshman Team: Bottom Row: Cameron Mitchem (manager), Ron Bigeck, Harlan Hansbrough, Curtis Mayfield, Dan Barcelona, Dan Brennan, Al Acosta, Quintan Porter, Craig Taylor (manager). Second Row: Randy Smith, Kenton Terrell, Tony Michalak, Steve Gaydos, Jay Lyall, Kevin Salley, Chris Collier, Ricky Whitaker, Billy McFarland. Top Row: Dan Foys, Dave Lee, Kenrick Roberts, Mark DiGrazzia, Ken Worlds, Mike Miller, Tom Lynch, Levoya Kerr, Keenan Salley, Coach Mike Moysis.

Cross-Country — Best Season Ever

The 1980 St. Rita Cross-Country Team ran to its highest overall league finish and its highest state ranking in history this season under fourth-year head coach Mike Kisicki.

The varsity Running Mustangs opened the season taking 2nd place in the 16-team Luther North Invitational. The Red and Blue then opened Catholic League action with easy wins over Leo, Hales and Mt. Carmel for a 3-0 start.

Rita ran its league mark to 5-1 after a loss to varsity champion Fenwick and victories over Weber and archrival St. Laurence, then finished at 6-1 in the league with a 23-46 win over Br. Rice. The Running Mustangs then took home a 2nd place trophy from the 16-team Wisconsin Invitational, and returned home to win the 43-team Niles Meet, largest in the state of Illinois.

At the Catholic Championships, St. Rita proved itself to be the league's number one distance program. The varsity produced Catholic All-Star Tim Gronkowski and 4 runners among the top 20; the sophomores led by individual champion Tony Monahan and fellow All-Star Dan Stoll won the league championship; the freshmen finished second in the league behind All-Stars Mike Ricci and Oscar Gaytan and took the novice championship behind champion John Herlihy and second-place finisher Vince Ternes.

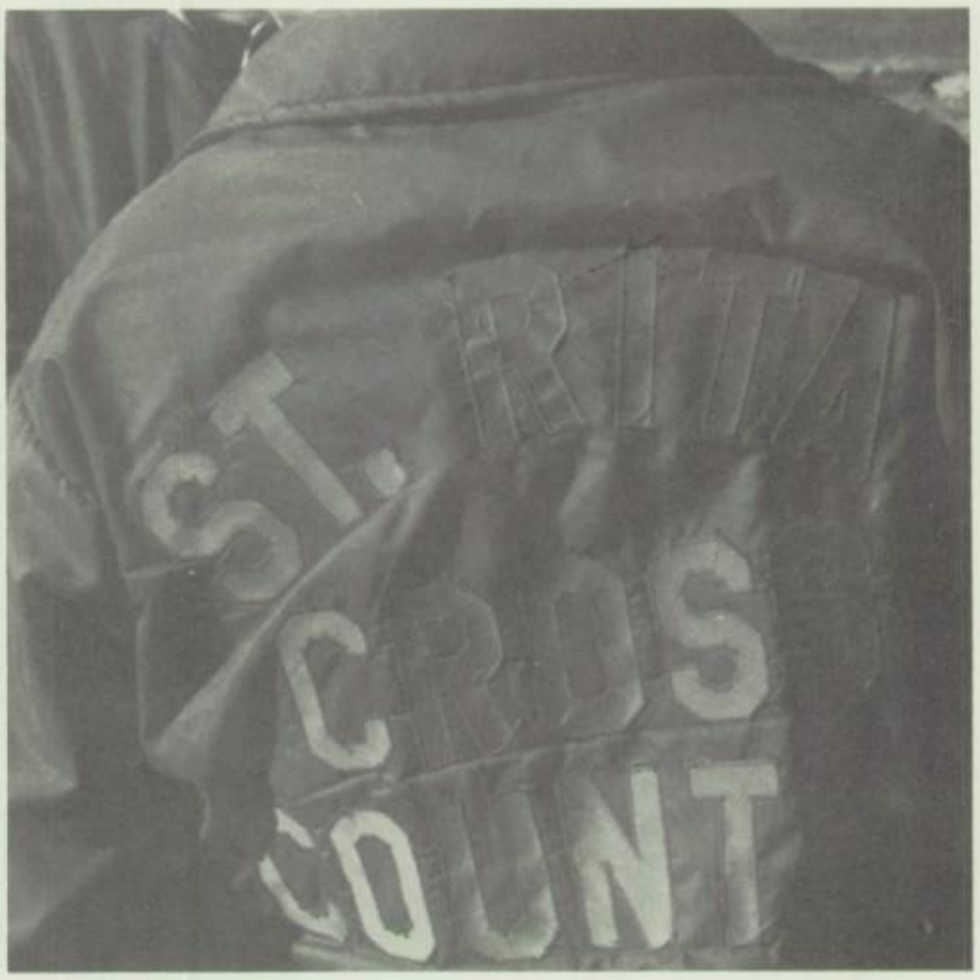
Overall the varsity had a 76-29 record in 1979; the sophomores, 62-7; and the freshmen, 64-5.

St. Rita then moved into state action, winning in the IHSA Districts for the 2nd straight year, but losing in the State Regional Meet, missing a bid to the State Championships by just five spots.

Tim Gronkowski, John Zielinski and Mike Davoren pack-run at State Regionals.

Bottom Row: Francisco Garate, Ed Zimecki, Armando Del Bosque, Oscar-Miguel Gaytan, Carlos Viramontes, Mike Nunez, Vince Ternes, Roy Day, John Herlihy, Mark Baranowski. 2nd Row: John Schmidt (asst. mgr.), Jim Allen (asst. mgr.), Bob Singraber, Michael Bylak, Dan Sheridan, Jerry Potempa, Michael Ricci, Ray Krupa, Joe Tandy, Eric Chavez, Brandon Grode, Steve Coe, Phil Gomez, Mike McGriff, Joey Madden, Dan Vohasek, Dan Garcia, Gary Krol, Tony Quattrocki, Mike Hranicka, John Dobbyn, Tom Schmidt, Israel Hernandez. Top Row: Ron Bailey (head mgr.), Asst. Coach Kevin Murray, Ed Piorkowski, Danny Stoll, Asst. Coach Larry Genge, Jack Cahvez, Mike Lovergine, Pat Lovergine, Tim Gronkowski, Tony Monahan, Paul Cartee, John Zielinski, Bob Diamond, Mike Davoren, Mike Flynn, John Koch, Asst. Coach Guy Hofer, Head Coach Mike Kisicki.

Jerry Potempa struggles to a 3-mile finish at the Lakefront.

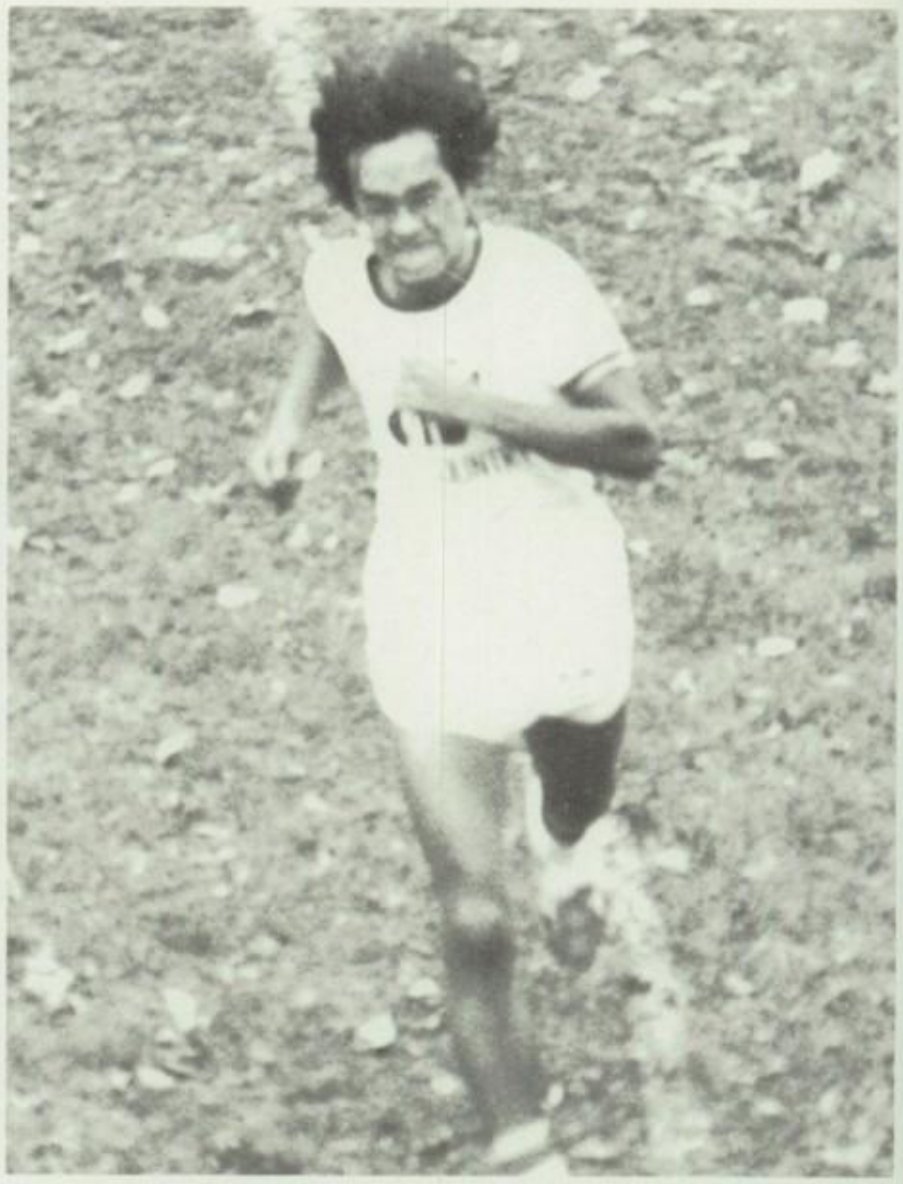


A prominent name in Catholic League and Illinois state cross-country.

Mike Lovergine brings St. Rita within 5 spots of a bid downstate with a strong performance at the IHSA Regionals. He is followed closely by teammate Tony Monahan.

Pat Lovergine, Mike's twin brother, set a St. Rita school record with his 15:55 performance in the state regionals, best state competing time ever.

State team prepares for the start of the Regional Championships.



Tony Quinn, Rita's top runner as a freshman and as a sophomore.

St. Rita's 1979 State Cross-Country Team: Bottom Row: Dan Stoll, Jack Chavez, Bob Diamond, Mike Davoren, Paul Cartee. Top Row: Tony Monahan, John Zielinski, Mike Lovergine, Head Coach Mike Kisicki, Tim Gronkowski, Pat Lovergine.

Knoebel Takes Rita Track Downstate

Dave Moritz hands off to Rich Dix in the 440-Relay of the League Championships.

Led by Catholic League disc and shot put champion Tom Knoebel, St. Rita's varsity track team rose up from the ashes of 7 straight last-place finishes to take sixth in the league in 1980. It was the best league finish in 15 years for the Running Mustangs.

Head Coach Jim Segredo, in only his second year as the Mustang mentor, also saw St. Rita finish among the state's top 30 teams downstate as Knoebel advanced into and scored 5th in the shot at the IHSA State Track and Field Championships in Peoria.

Segredo's frosh-soph cindermen took third in the league and the freshmen, second, in what the Head Coach called "a great foundation on which to build even better St. Rita track squads in the future."

At the league championships, St. Rita scored 22 points behind Knoebel's shot put and discus championships; 3rd place in the shot put by Ed Barrett; 2nd in the discus by sophomore Rick Peters; 5th in the 100 yard dash by Dave Moritz; and 4th in the 440 Relay by Moritz, Joey Gorman, Rich Dix and Tony Shelley. Steve Coe took 7th in the mile at 4:39.1.

The varsity had finished 10th of 13 teams at the Indoor Catholic League Relays but improved steadily through the outdoor season. The Ritans took 13th of 26 teams at the Fox Valley Invitational and won the Open Event championship, taking 4th place overall, at the Notre Dame Relays, where Knoebel again won both the shot and the disc and Moritz, the 100-yard dash.

At the Rice Relays, Knoebel threw the shot 58′5″, the second best throw recorded in Illinois in 1980.

Tom Knoebel throws the discus 147′10″ at the Br. Rice Relays.

John Danaher watches the pole as Dan Ahmer vaults at the Br. Rice Relays.

Jim Gavin gets a running start in the long jump . . .

. . . then strains and stretches in mid-air on the way to a seventh place individual finish at the Br. Rice Relays.

Bottom Row: Dan Sheridan, Brandon Grode, Johnny Martin, Bill Hawes, Dan Garcia, Charlie Maylee, John Herlihy, Oscar-Miguel Gaytan, Greg Wozny, Pete Dormann, Jeff Doody, Jose Sanchez, John Pellegrini. 2nd Row: Jerry Dix, John Grabowski, Mike McGriff, Ray Krupa, Jerry Potempa, Francisco Garate, Joe Madden, Israel Hernandez, John Gremer, Jose Martinez, Joey Gorman, Mike Staudacher, Solomon Duncan, Phil Hultquist, Asst. Coach Larry Genge. Top Row Head Coach Jim Segredo, Juan Barrera, Joe Jenkins, Dan Foys, Paul Cartee, Steve Coe, Zenon McHugh, David Monday, John Koch, Kevin Russell, Joe O'Connor Michael Ricci, Tom Knoebel, Ken Rice, Armando Gonzalez, Jim Gavin, Dan Ahmer, Rick Peters, Tom Grzesiak, Bob Bobich, John Danaher, Mike Anderson, Ro Gapski, Asst. Coach Mike Kisicki. Missing: Asst. Coach Bill Brady, Ed Barrett, Ron Gatto, Tony Shelley, Eric Cotton, Jack Chavez, Dan Stoll.

Half-miler John Danaher runs the third leg of the Distance Medley against Br. Rice.

Terry Sullivan stretches out top soph miler Dan Stoll before the race.

Sophomore shot-putter Zenon McHugh winds up in the circle at St. Ignatius.

Dave Monday strains for 5′6″ in the high jump at the Catholic Championship Meet.

Rita Takes Third In State AA Tourney

Team success, individual honors, and positive recruiting combined to make the 1979-80 hockey season the most successful since the 1975 Kennedy Cup. The Varsity Icemen finished third in the State AA tournament, the highest state finish in the school's history. After capturing their sectional for the second consecutive year, the Skating Mustangs were defeated in sudden death overtime by Lake Forest 4-3. A 4-1 victory over Downers Grove North the following day clinched the third place finish. "We had a disappointing season in the Catholic League," commented Head Coach Jim Misiora. "But we really made up for it in the tournament. Our seniors, especially Mark Thomas, Joe Patzin, Paul Cronin, and John Sheedy refused to give up and led us to victory."

The Catholic League season of 5-14-1 was marked by injuries and inconsistent goal tending. However, both Paul Cronin and Joe Patzin were chosen for the All-Star team for the third year in a row — a school record. The performance and leadership of Patzin was also recognized by the league's coaches when he was awarded MVP honors. "Patzin is the type of leader that can never be replaced," said Coach Misiora.

Next year the Mustangs will have the youngest squad in the league. "Our JV program will produce some very positive returns in the next two or three years," predicted Coach Rich Salerno. "People like Bayers, Hughes, Ciesielczyk, Kerney, and Maas are going to win many games for St. Rita." Since next year's freshman class includes at least ten experienced hockey players, the Skating Mustangs seem to be "skating towards many successful years," concluded Coach Misiora.

St. Rita team captain senior Paul Cronin gets into position on defense against the Marist Redskins at Saints Spectrum. Cronin, along with co-captain Joe Patzin, was a Catholic League All-Star in 1980.

Bottom Row: T. Rusch, M. McCurrie, M. Bayers, M. Paluch, M. Thomas, C. Ciesielczyk, D. Cronin, H. Wilson. Top Row: R. Hughes, S. Kardas, J. Sheedy, P. Cronin, J. Patzin, J. Rahilly, A. Broniewicz, J. Sheehan, B. Hickey. Missing: J. Kowaleski, E. Duffy.

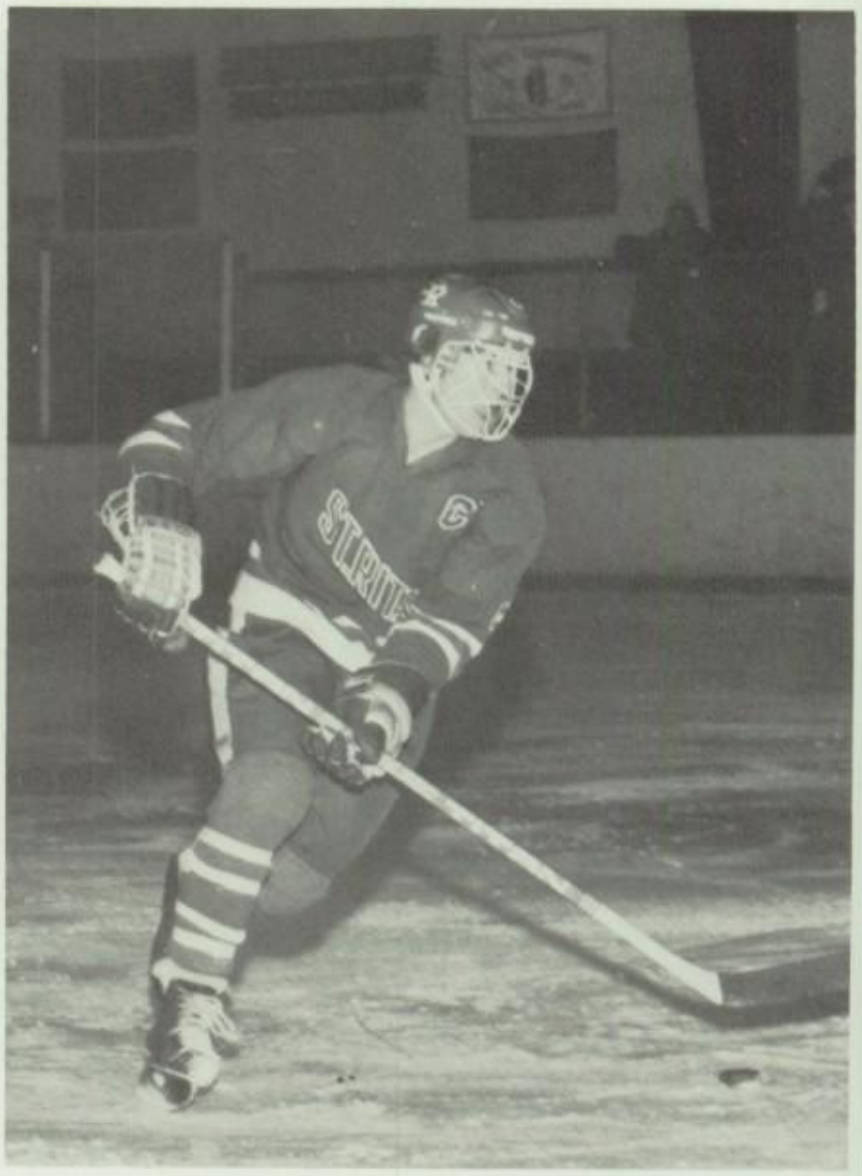
Matt McCurrie brings up the puck against Marist.

Mark Bayers, who will be Rita's team captain in 1981, rears back for a slapshot against Rice.

Defenseman Ed Duffy calls together a huddle of the Skating Mustangs before the state game against Thornton.

Wayne Tomas award winner Dave Cronin looks to the goal post in the team's 6-0 win over the Fenwick Friars.

Ray Hughes races for the puck against Mt. Carmel.



Team captain Joey Patzin, All-State and All-League, in action.

JV Team: Bottom Row: B. McLain, M. Gurtowski, R. Egan, J. Kerney, M. Sheedy, J. Maas, T. Urbanski, R. Hudec. Top Row: Coach Salerno, J. Felonk, M. Bayers B. Kazanecki, J. Hartmann, C. Tucci, R. Hughes, B. LeBeau, M. Kucinski.

New Coach Takes Over Soccer Mid Season

Kicking Mustang Al Mojica sets himself for a pass across midfield in a game against Loyola.

St. Rita Soccer got a new head coach this year at mid-season and, despite playing well for him, ended the season at 1-5-2 in the league and 4-12-4 overall. Coach Jack Brennan took over the program when former head coach Jim Segredo resigned at mid-season because of his work load as Athletic Director and head track coach.

Rita opened the season tieing St. Viator 3-3, splitting games in the Hinsdale Tournament, then defeating Chicago Latin 2-1 and losing to former head coach Frank Aguilar and the Romeoville Spartans 1-0. Coach Brennan got started in spectacular fashion, routing St. Willibrod 4-0 as team captain Dom Prate got his first career goal.

In league competition, Rita started at 0-1-2 with a 2-1 loss to the powerful DeLaSalle Meteors and successive 1-1 ties with St. Francis and Hales Franciscan.

In non-conference play, Rita lost to state ranked Quigley South 2-1 and to suburban powerhouse Waukegan West. Rita then defeated St. Laurence 2-1 for their first league win.

Successive losses to Gordon, Br. Rice, and St. Ignatius dropped the Mustangs to 1-4-2. St. Rita then defeated rival Romeoville 1-0 and came home to meet Loyola Academy, losing 1-0. The Mustangs thus took a 4-11-4 record into the state sub-sectionals, losing to Oak Park by a score of 3-1.

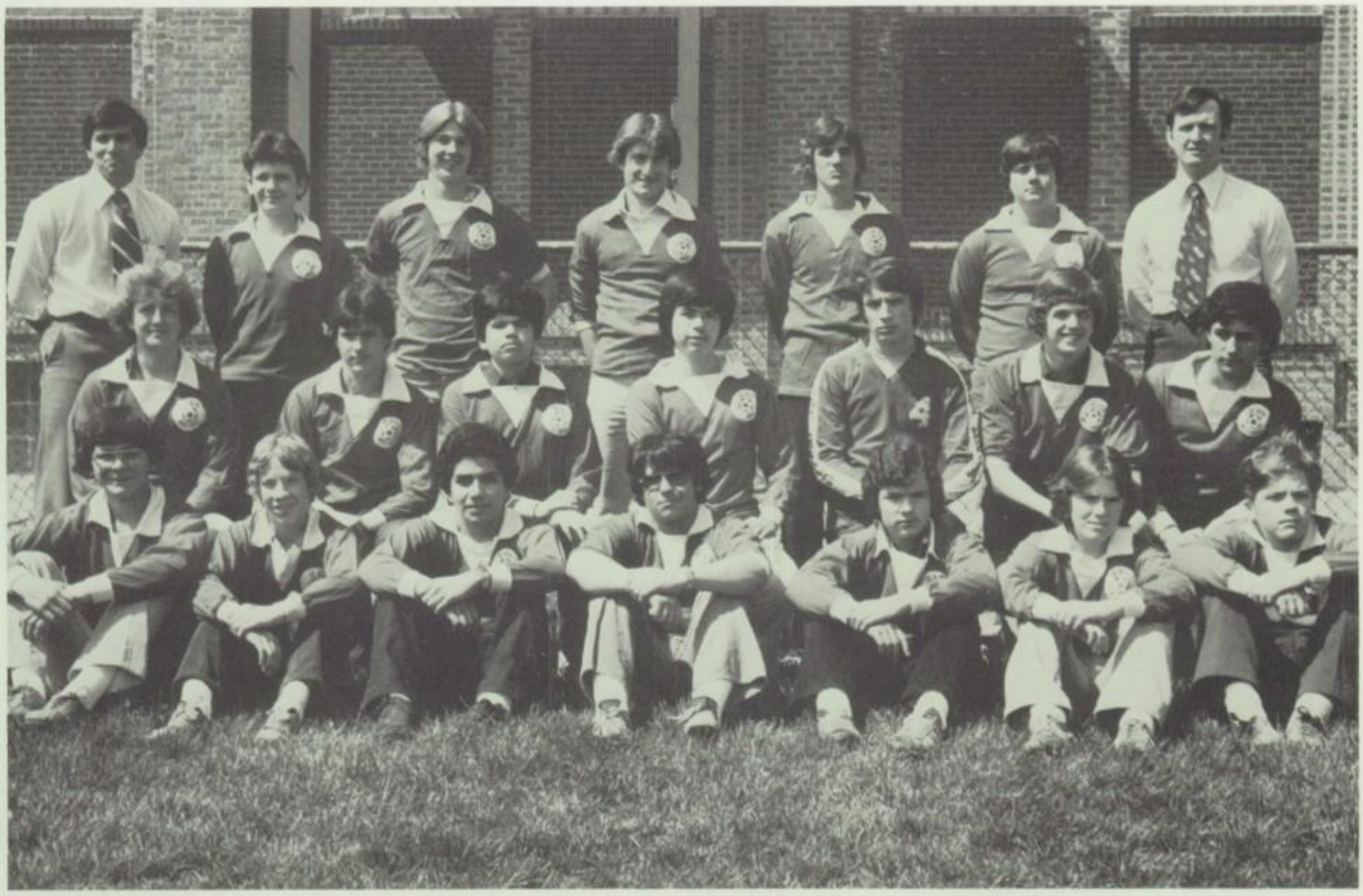
Varsity Team: Bottom Row: Bob McCloskey, Hector Carranza, Juan Lepe, Frank Haynes, Oscar Mascarro, Ralph Kucharzewski, David Valcich. Top Row: Coach Jim Segredo, Al Mojica, Brian Shortall, Mike Fairman, Tony Jonikas, Mario Rabaza, Mario Contreras, Andy Kojs, Sean Carmody, Coach Jack Brennan.

Andy Kojs hustles for the ball as he battles a Rambler defender in a Catholic League soccer game. Rita lost 1-0.

All-League forward Tony Chiapetta gets ready to take a teammate's pass.

Frank Haynes moves the ball downfield in a league game against Hales.

Jose Alvarez, among St. Rita's most consistent performers, passes off to top Mustang Freshman Juan Lepe.



JV Team: Bottom Row: Marty Molina, Jim Wagner, Mark Soriano, Marty Parello, Joe Kastelic, Tim O'Connor, Ken Sherlock. Second Row: Victor Jonikas, Fabian Segura, Alex Mojica, Jose Snachez, John Tolley, Bob Fitzgerald, Ed Reyes. Top Row: Coach Jim Segredo, Andy Savabas, Ed Bishoff, Bob Melcher, Peter Assini, John McCloskey, Coach Jack Brennan.

Underclassmen Build Tennis Team

St. Rita's second year tennis program continued to rebuild this year, adding two freshmen to the starting varsity line-up. The Swinging Mustangs finished the league season at 2-8-0 but "got excellent play from many underclassmen," noted Coach Norbert Lasky.

The varsity season started well, forging a 2-1 league mark in its first three games. A 5-0 defeat by St. Laurence in the league opener inspired the young racquetmen to in turn rout the Hales Spartans 5-0 to even their record at 1-1. St. Rita then met league power DeLaSalle, where the match was even at 2-2 going into the doubles tie-breaker. In the tie-breaker, Tim Lacny and John Sopron teamed up for the win that gave the Mustangs a 3-2 victory over the Meteors.

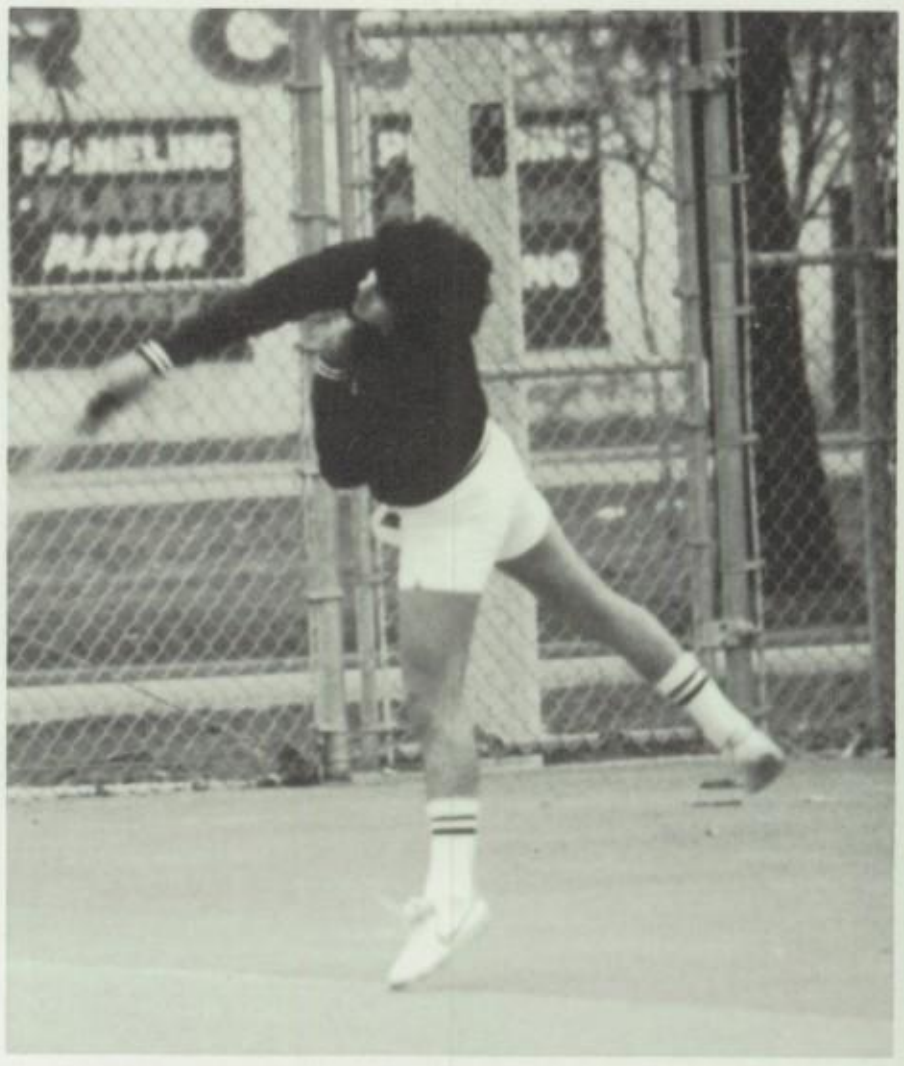
Both frosh star Tom Healy and Soph captain Ron Francis won their matches easily in the Hales and DeLaSalle contests. Both went 6-0, 6-0 against the Spartan varsity; while Francis was 6-1, 6-1, and Healy 6-0, 6-0 versus the older Meteor players.

The inexperience of youth finally caught up to the team, however, as the Swinging Mustangs dropped their next 7 league matches. Loyola, Br. Rice, Weber, Mendel, Fenwick, Gordon, and St. Ignatius all successfully defeated the young Mustang varsity team.

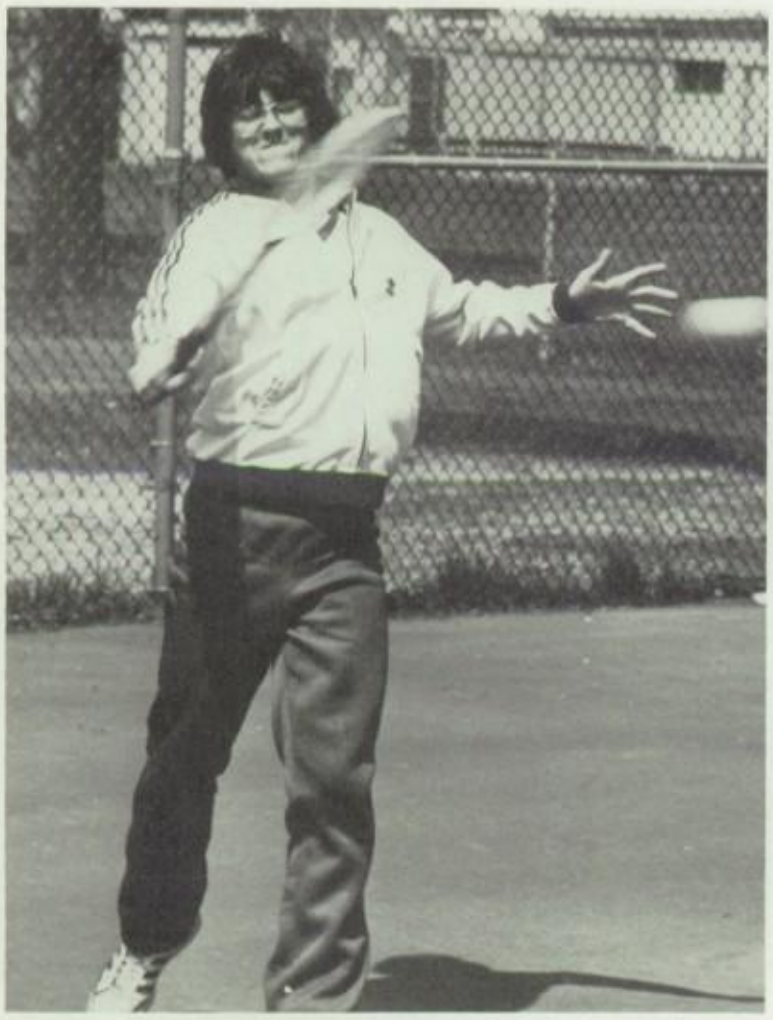
Still, Healy, Francis, freshman Louis Zambrano and sophomore Chris Murray had good individual seasons on the varsity level.

The Mustangs then travelled to the Riverside-Brookfield State Tennis Sectional meet, where they were defeated to the man to close the 1980 season.

Coach Lasky's success at assembling a talented young team was proven at the Frosh-Soph Championships, however, where St. Rita took 2nd place this year, losing only to Catholic League power, Br. Rice.



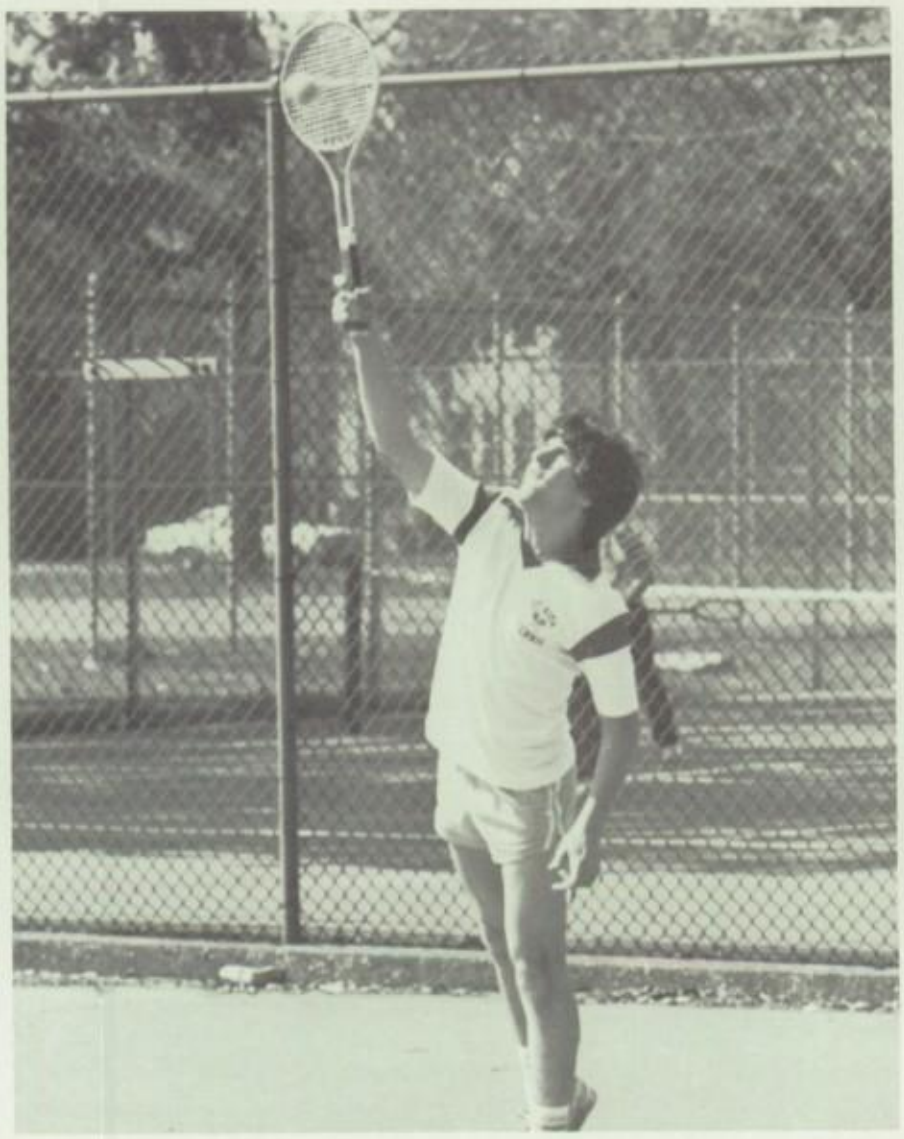
Senior Ignatius Villasenor practices his serve at McKinley Park.



Ron Francis, top sophomore in Catholic League, at home court.

Junior John Sopron gets in a few practice swings before important doubles match against Hales.

Chris Murray returns a ball from a league opponent in the victory over DeLaSalle.



Tim Lacny returns a serve in a match against the Meteors.

Bottom Row: John Sopron, Chris Murray, Bob Wyrich, Ignatius Villasenor, Louis Zambrano. Top Row: Coach Norb Lasky, Kurt Lorenz, Tim Lacney, Tom Healy, Ron Francis, Chris Mourlas, John Travnik.

Griffin Revives Golf Team At St. Rita

St. Rita entered its first full season in Catholic League golf this year, after a nine-year absence from the sports program.

The team finished the regular season at 0-6-0 and, despite a last place finish at the Catholic League Championships, did produce several individual successes. Br. Tom Griffin, Head Coach of the young Swinging Mustangs, especially cited the play of junior Jack Cranley as "one of the brightest spots of the season." Cranley was honored as the team's MVP at the end of the season.

St. Rita's best chance for victory on the fairways came in a close loss to St. Ignatius in the last match of the regular season.

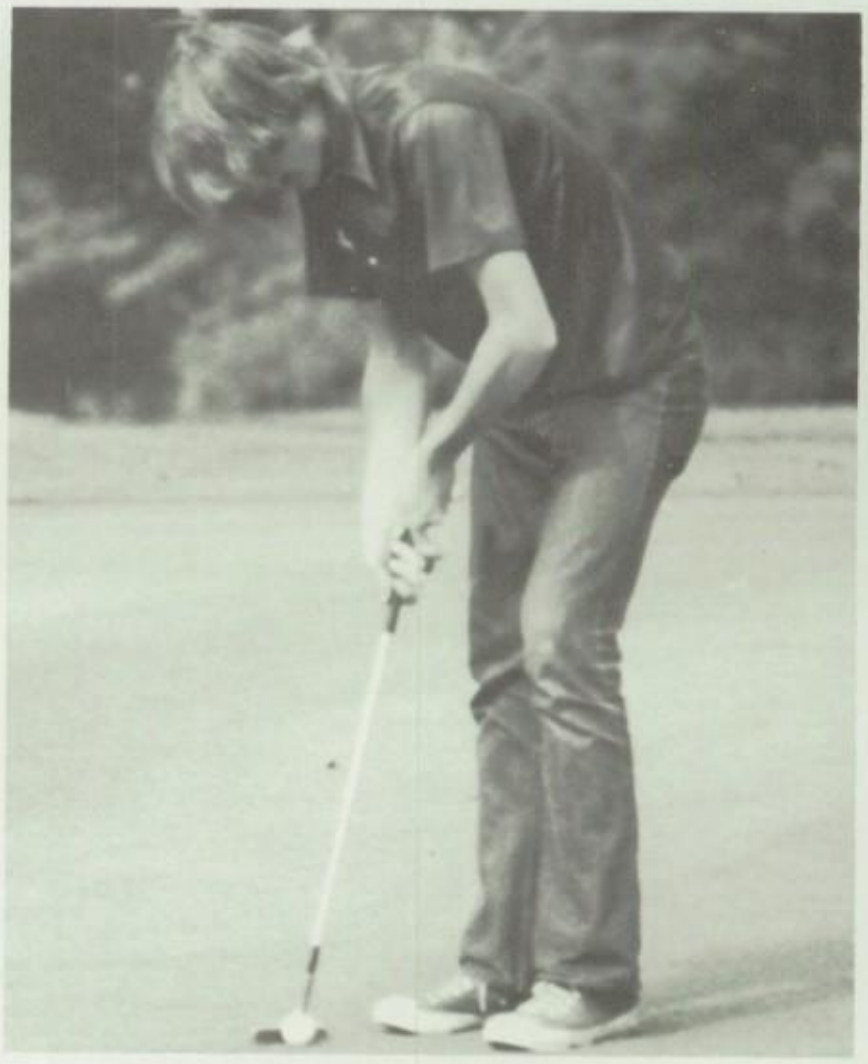
Mt. Carmel, Loyola, Br. Rice, Fenwick, and St. Laurence had all handed the young Mustangs losses in the first five games of the campaign.

A controversial decision by the school prevented the Mustangs from competing in the 1980 State District Meet, but, "we didn't figure to do well there this year anyway," noted Coach Griffin.

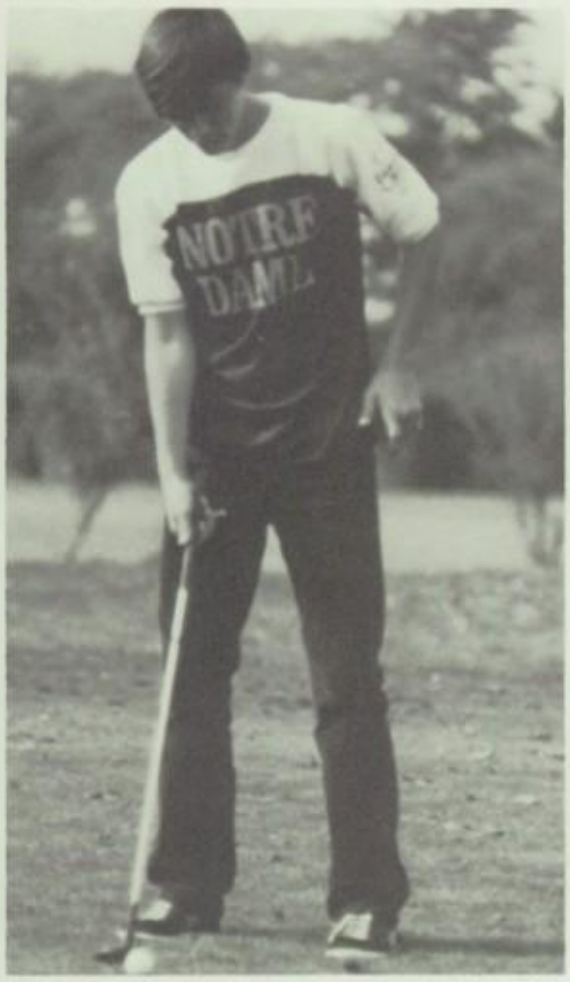
This year the Mustangs will see a new coach since Br. Griffin will leave to continue his priesthood studies.

Br. Tom Griffin, Tim Macijunas, Frank Prestula, Dave Cronin, John Shrader, Tim Garich, Ed Kedud. Missing: Jack Cranley, John Kilmartin, Mike Ivanauskas, Mike Bielon, Greg Jeracki, Bud Hickey.

Bud Hickey sizes up the situation on the fairways of Cog Hill.



St. Rita MVP Jack Cranley lines up his shot in a match against Mt. Carmel.

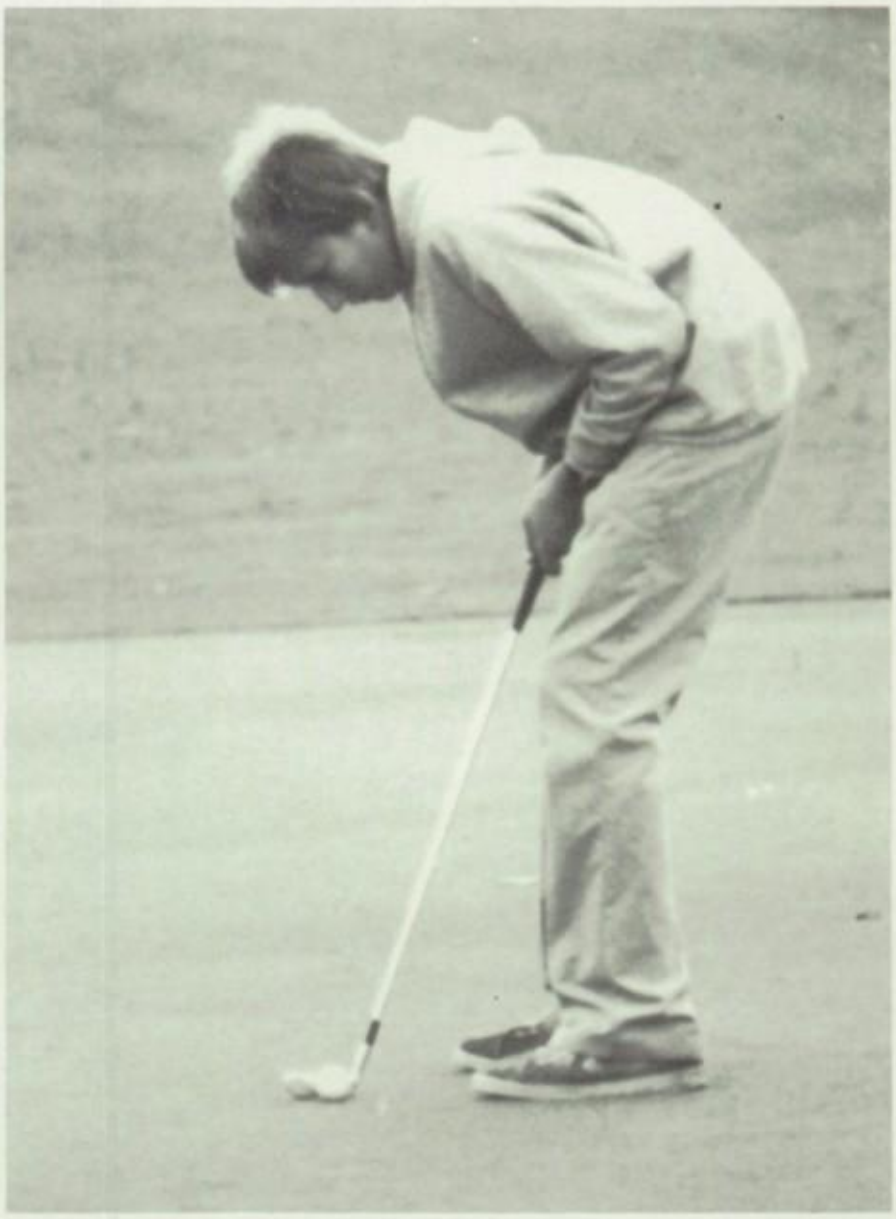


John Kilmartin lines up his ninth hole shot . . .

. . . steadies his hand before the swing . . .

. . . and follows through in the match against Ignatius.

Greg Jeracki prepares to shoot on the tenth hole at Cog Hill vs. Fenwick.



Concentrating on his putting is Swinging Mustang Michael Bielon.

Strong Season Despite Sour Finish

A controversial IHSA ruling that knocked St. Rita out of the state baseball playoffs this year ended Coach Moyzis' 1980 season on a sour note.

St. Rita suffered a forfeit 1-0 loss to Mendel in the opening game of the state playoffs due to a ruling that the Mustangs had violated the "no games beyond a 300 mile radius" rule of the IHSA. Fifteen St. Rita players and the Coach travelled to Oklahoma over Easter break and played 10 games in seven days, finishing the spring trip at 5-5.

The Running Mustangs did finish at 7-6 in the league, their best mark in three years under Moyzis, and were 17-16 overall.

The Mustangs opened the season with victories over Quigley South and Hubbard, but returned home after the trip to lose a Sunday doubleheader to Thornwood, 10-9 and 4-3. The league season opened on a high note as St. Rita downed St. Ignatius 13-0 on a two-hitter by left hander Jim Kress. Rita moved to a 9-8 overall with a 12-4 rout of Stagg that same weekend, but lost a heart-breaker 8-7 to Loyola to drop their league mark to 1-2. Eventual league champion Br. Rice handed the Mustangs their second league loss, 6-1, in their next game. The team then went on to beat Argo 5-3 and Hales 13-4.

A 12-5 setback at the hands of St. Francis De Sales inspired the Mustangs to pound four straight league victories over Fenwick, Mt. Carmel, Leo, and Gordon Tech; but a 6-0 loss to St. Laurence pushed Rita four games behind Br. Rice with just three games left to play. The Mustangs routed Mendel 9-2 and won a non-league game against Evergreen Park 11-2 to up their record to 17-12, but lost two tough league games to co-champion Weber and DeLaSalle, 13-3 and 10-3.

A Stan Pawlak bullet to Mal Feeley catches a Laurence base runner.

Steve Taylor hits a line shot down the third base line.

Stan Pawlak winds up for another Catholic League win.

Jim Kress in two-hitter performance against Ignatius.

Dave Preissler's hustle pays off as he slides safe at third.

Varsity Team: Bottom Row: Mike Cooney, Dan Mainczyk, Tom Coffey, Art Gazda, Tony Amedeo, Stan Pawlak, Rich Cwik, Mike Laird, Tom Garrick (manager). Top Row: Coach Moyzis, John Cooney, Brian Rzepka, Don Russell, Jim Kress, Mal Feeley, Tim McIntyre, Ken Partyka, Dave Preissler, Joe Patzin, Coach Ray Fetters. Missing: Tom Arudel, Steve McGowan, Ken Hansen, Steve Taylor, Joe Urchak.

Freshman Team: Bottom Row: Paul Tonietto, Bill Gardner, John Folino, Dan Brennan, Brad Price. Second Row: Dave Craig, Craig Taylor, Art Meyer, Steve Kirwin, John Fuirklis, Gary Vanek, Bob Haugh. Top Row: Ken Feeley, Steve Gaydos, Ken Michalowski, LaVoya Kerr, Ken Roberts, Mark DiGrazia, Bob Wilkosz, Ed Gannon.

Sophomore Team: Bottom Row: Ted Kerrigan, John Snyder, Tom Hayes, Todd Biondo, John Kienzle, Ron Bigeck, Scott Burger, Ron Risden. Top Row: Matt Nolan, Tony Michalak, John Lyle, Joe Bucz, Ted Koziol, Bob Bischoff, Ed Curley, Mike Burke, Gary Stanek, Ed Dooley, Coach Jack Janeczko.

Bowling Team Rolls To 4th In League

Bottom Row: Dave Botica, Tim Turcich, Mike Kubiak, John Sopron. Top Row: Mr. Nowak, Gary Totosz, Dave Jatczak, Jerry Vohasek.

The Striking Mustangs had a successful season, according to moderator Ronald Nowak. "Our team was experienced, had great team spirit, and they did a really fine job in competition."

The varsity team finished fourth in the 16-team Catholic Bowling League and were eliminated from the state playoffs by Quigley South in a very close match.

The team was also strong in the Quigley South Christmas Tourney, taking 2nd place behind the host team.

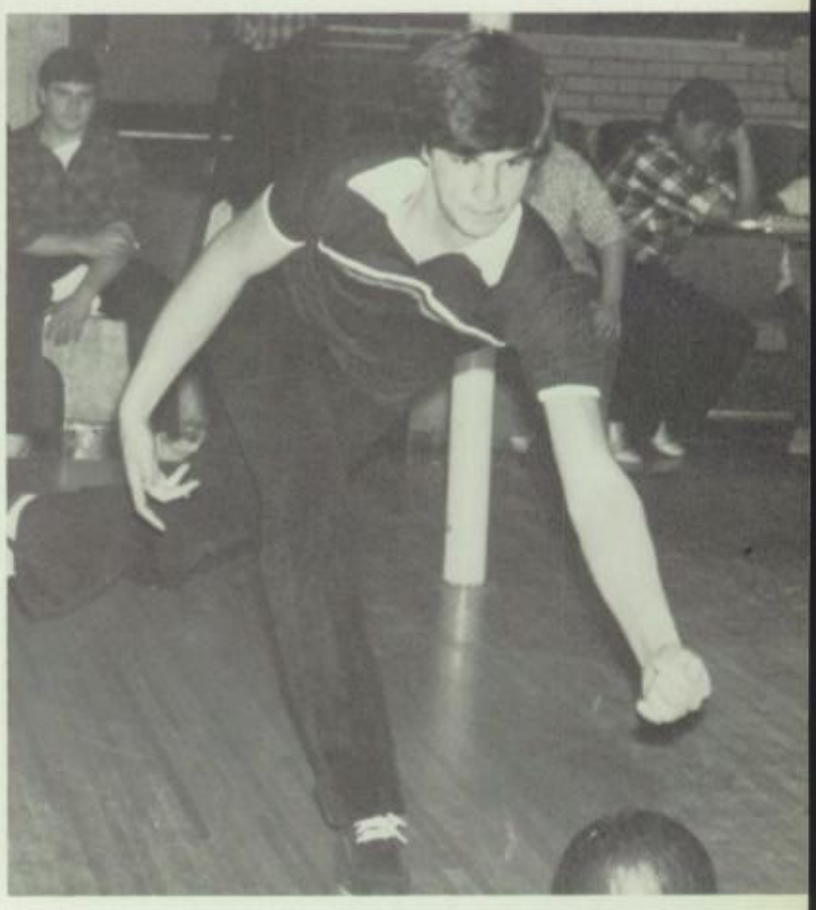
"Despite the strength of the bowling team in Catholic League competition, we only finished a weak fourth out of eight teams in the Public-Catholic League City Bowling Championships," noted the veteran bowling moderator.

Still, "this was the best team that I've seen since I took over the bowling club here at Rita," said Mr. Nowak. "Aside from their ability to bowl strong as a group, their individual performances were also very good."

Senior Gary Totosz rolled a 698 series this year which took top honors in the entire Catholic League; while senior Mike Kubiak was named to the league All-Star team.

Mr. Nowak was pleased with the intramural bowling program as well. "There were 14 frosh teams, 12 sophomore teams, and 10 junior-senior teams — an all-time high for our school. Hopefully they'll work hard on the varsity next year," concluded Mr. Nowak.

Bottom Row: John Drish, Jim Walsh, Dave Hoff, Bob Kudulis. Top Row: Mr. Nowak, Ken Falat, Mike Yost, Dave McGuire.



Varsity star Gary Totosz took top honors in the league with a 698 series.

ACTIVITIES

New Moderator Proud Of Fathers Club

Led by new moderator Fr. Patrick Murphy, the St. Rita Fathers Club lived up to its "primary purpose, which is to provide help to St. Rita and her students" in 1980.

Fr. Murphy pointed to the "successful turkey raffle whose proceeds went to the benefit fund that insures the son of any member free tuition should his father die while the boy is still in school."

A membership drive resulted in over 700 members in the club — "highest in a long time," as Fr. Murphy noted. "The surge in attendance came as a result of hard work by the officers and meetings that offered organized business, entertainment, and enlightening talks on everything from UFO's to school discipline."

The Fathers Club continued to pay the expenses for the football program's game films and, as usual, honored the 79-80 Fighting Mustangs with a gala banquet and over 100 individual trophies at the Sabre Room.

The Club also worked with former Athletic Director Mike Kisicki to expand its donations to the school's other eight sports, picking up the expenses of the individual trophies given at these sports banquets as well.

The Club also honors Rita's top students with the Heeney Award, a cash prize to the top student in each class — and with $25.00 awards to all the school's 26 "straight A" students of 1979-80.

Prizes for fathers and sons in attendance, hard work at monthly Bingo, and a highly successful Smoker on May 3rd help fund the Fathers Club for its many projects on behalf of St. Rita. "It's hard work but it's worth it," noted President Donald Taylor.

In his first year as Fathers Club Moderator, Fr. Murphy gives awards at the banquet.

President Don Taylor hands the mike to Brad Stubitch.

Ed Duffy addresses parents and fellow team members at the football banquet. After Ed's death, the Fathers Club established a scholarship fund in his honor.

Mothers Club: 50 Years Of Rita Service

President Mrs. Angel Bacarella and new Moderator Fr. LaVern Flach conduct an end of the year meeting.

This year the Mothers Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a new moderator, former Principal Fr. LaVern Flach, and by sponsoring several successful events.

"Fr. Flach was kind enough to become the moderator of our organization this September to replace Fr. Caniglia. (Fr. Caniglia died in March of 1980)," said President Mrs. Angel Bacarella. "He did a superb job." This year was also Fr. Flach's 25th Anniversary as a priest and the Mothers Club presented him with a stole to mark the occasion.

For the first time the Club sponsored a tea for freshman mothers at the end of the first month of school and over 300 new mothers were in attendance.

Successful events like the tea encouraged 537 mothers to become members in the organization which "is the highest total in quite a few years," according to Mrs. Bacarella.

Besides participating in regular Sunday bingos, the Mothers also sponsored a special bingo in May to increase the amount of their donation to the school. According to Mrs. Pat Foody, who replaces Mrs. Bacarella as President in the 1980-81 school year, "Our efforts to help the school are important in terms of building an overall sense of community that is so necessary in the school. I look forward to next year and continuing the fine work Mrs. Bacarella has established."

Bottom Row: Marge McCormick, Blanche Sobun, Pat Foody, Angel Bacarella, Fr. Flach, Kitty Duffy, Lorraine Koniecka, Delores McGowan. Top Row: Mary Hoyt, Joan O'Malley, Delores Potempa, Bernie Macijunas, Lola Arundel, Lucille Kanka, Ann Russell, Jean Scianna.

Active Boosters Aim For Family Spirit

"Trying to build a family spirit among a large group of people involved in the Band" was the goal of the 1980 St. Rita Band Boosters, Moderator Br. Joseph Fisher, and President Mr. Mike Scianna.

One of the largest concerns of this year's Boosters was to raise funds to buy the Marching Mustangs new uniforms for 1980.

As a result, the Boosters ran "a very successful" Las Vegas Night that netted the band over $4500 in profit.

The Boosters also assisted in a major recruitment drive this year, which resulted in bringing in many of the young men now playing in the St. Rita Band. "This helped bring in a lot of new blood to the Band and we appreciate the Booster's help a lot," said Br. Joe.

Attendance rose to over 400 paid members in 1979-80, giving the Boosters more manpower to carry on its duties.

1979-80 also saw the Band Boosters sponsor "one of the largest affairs held by St. Rita — the Band Christmas Banquet — which is attended by over 700 people," said Br. Joe. The Boosters also sponsored one of the nine dances held at St. Rita this past school year, featuring Nivio Perovich and "Crystal Myth."

"We also try to encourage all our members to attend many St. Rita events — the band functions, the football games, the band and chorus concerts, the 75th Anniversary celebrations," said the veteran moderator.

Band Booster projects include continued sponsorship of the Band in Labor Day and St. Patrick's Day parades, and in a September band competition held at Soldier Field; and also continued sponsorship of the Christmas banquet, Las Vegas Night, "and whatever it takes to keep the Band, the Boosters, and everyone at school a closer family unit," ended Br. Joe.

Mr. Bob Black reads off the numbers of the lucky winners at Las Vegas Night.

Bottom Row: Virginia Dominiak, Georgia Fitzgerald, Brother Joseph Fisher, Michael Scianna, Judy Wiggins, Louis Ricci. Second Row: Lena Knight, Ann Scieszka, Emily Dvorak, Jane Gumienny, Mary Thompson, Gertrude Herr. Top Row: Ken Danz, William Kress, Barbara Kress, Liz Kammerer, Jean Scianna, Chuck Oskvarek, Betty Roeske, John Petrosius.

Booster Support Essential To Hockey

Hockey Booster Officers for 1980-81: Mrs. Rusch, Mr. Sheedy, Mrs. Ciesielczyk, Mr. Paluch, Coach Misiora.

Recognized as one of the most organized and generous parent organizations in the school, the St. Rita Hockey Boosters produced another successful year of financial and moral support of the hockey team.

The funds from the Boosters go directly to the players in the form of ice time and equipment. Two years ago the Boosters became involved in the school's Sunday bingo operation — and for the work they produce one Sunday each month the school gives them 10% of the net profits. For additional funds, the Boosters produce a yearly ad book.

This year, as in the past, the Boosters also sponsored the hockey banquet which was held at the end of the season. "The banquet is a nice occasion for us to thank the parents as well as the players for their hard work during the season," commented Vice-President of the Boosters Mr. Harold Sheedy.

"I know I say this every year but it is absolutely true. Without the support of the Hockey Boosters there would be no hockey team at our school," commented Head Coach Jim Misiora.

Among the Boosters' responsibilities each year is the hockey banquet at which both parents and players are thanked for their hard work.

Alumni Support Sparks Diamond Year

According to Fr. Martin Sobiesk, Associate Principal and Alumni Director, the 1979-80 year was "very pleasant and productive for our organization."

In the early part of the year, the Alumni Association sponsored a hospitality room at the St. Rita homecoming game with over 500 Rita graduates in attendance. In November, Fr. Sobiesk offered the annual Memorial Mass for all the deceased members of the association.

Some of the other activities during the year included the Alumni Banquet, which this year took the form of a dinner-dance for husbands and wives in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the school, a golf outing on June 24th at Silver Lake Country Club, and the publishing of the Alumni News three times during the year.

"I am very proud of our officers and our board of directors for their dedication and hard work," said Fr. Sobiesk. "They not only worked diligently on the alumni events, they also cooperated fully with the school's plans for celebrating the anniversary year."

Although the Alumni Association relies only on the dues for its funding, it consistently helps the school through raffle drives and fund raising projects (the Bob Hope Benefit, the Calendar Drive, Night at Sox Park, etc.).

The 1980 Man of the Year Award was presented to Mr. Ralph Steinbarth of the Class of 1945.

Mr. James Dunneback ('67), Alumni President; Fr. Martin Sobiesk, Moderator; and Mr. Edward Hunssinger ('67), Chairman of the 75th Anniversary Dinner Dance Reunion.

Members of the Class of 1930 — This year's 50th Anniversary Class

Disappointing Year For Misiora, SBS

Mr. Misiora shows student disc jockey Steve Waranauskas how to operate the broadcasting equipment.

Mr. James Misiora, Moderator of the Student Broadcasting System, was disappointed this year by the inactivity of his organization. "The root of the problem was that there were not enough funds for the club to operate as it should," he said. "We need more equipment, more tapes, and more records."

Mr. Misiora also feels that there was less enthusiasm among the members this year which also caused the lack of activity. "Many of our plans fell through because people were not willing to work as hard as they could," he said. "The SBS Newsletter, which should have been published once a month, fell through because of this lack of enthusiasm."

"I would like to provide for the members a chance to gain some practical broadcasting experience," said the moderator. Sportscasts and news reports were among the plans for this year but were never produced, another disappointment. However, many members did participate in summer workshops. "The guys worked with some radio sportscasters from both Chicago ball parks. The engineers agreed to show them some behind-the-scenes broadcasting techniques," he added.

Some of Mr. Misiora's plans for the future include expanding the organization's music library and encouraging club members to take a more active part in the club's functions.

Bottom Row: John Vasco, Jim Kedela, Paul Francour, Leo Point, Steve Zuwala. Second Row: Mark Cereceres, Mike McGrath, Mario Contreras, Rodger Hudec, Mike Salvador. Top Row: Steve Waranauskas, Ed Zilinskas, Ken Falat, Dan Curran, Mr. Misiora, Rich Budzik, Mike McGriff, Mark Kostro.

NHS Aids School, Seeks Togetherness

Bottom Row: George Mach, Arther Gazda, Mike Laird, Mark Marion, Stan Mikos, Al Sudzus, Ignatius Villasenor. Second Row: Bob Devaney, Vitas Briedas, Jerry Vohasek, Bill Maurer, Sean Bronzell, Don Zahora, Bill Kirkolis, Tom Sobun. Third Row: Andrew Tyzenhaus, Ted Mikrut, Mario Rabaza, Paul Cronin, Al Romero, Rich Dix, Tim Gronkowski, Mark Bobek.

Although the National Honor Society was somewhat dormant this year, it did not fail to help the school with such projects as freshman registrations, open house, and eighth grade day. Mr. Donald Racky, Moderator of the NHS, said, "The organization isn't as active as it should be because the K of A does most of the work here that the NHS would normally do at a public school. Most of the members are aware of this fact and are enthusiastic when something comes up for them to do."

According to Mr. Racky, the NHS would normally try to break ground for religious practices within a public school. "Since the religion of the school is already established here it gives the members one less thing to try and accomplish," he said.

Members of the NHS are usually senior honor students and must maintain a 3.0 grade point average to stay in the organization. "The society serves another purpose in that since most of the honor students are not together most of the day the organization provides a prolonged homeroom feeling among the members," said Racky. "Unlike the K of A, the 27 members of the society are assured of national recognition for their efforts."

George Mach, one member of the group, commented, "Even though the amount of work that the members are given is limited, I got a sense of pride from being involved with the organization. It was always good to help the school in any way we could."

Andy Tyzenhaus agreed with this statement and added, "The whole idea of being helpful to the school in some way gave me a sense of satisfaction."

"Although enthusiasm is visible when things have to get done, a lot of it fades toward the end of the year," said Racky. "The members get Spring fever and forget that they were even in the organization. It would be nice to see the guys plan a picnic or an outing for the summer months just to keep in touch and to see what everyone is doing."

According to the Moderator, members from past groups still plan picnics and meet at least one time over the summer months. "The guys plan everything; I'm here to make sure all the members find out about such outings and to give them my blessing," he said.

Activities during the current school year included at least five different parties and outings, many of which brought together NHS members and other seniors from the high school. Senior Bill Maurer feels that "this summer the group probably will live up to Mr. Racky's expectations and have a few summer outings, picnics, and so on."

The school's four freshman registration nights find the NHS "carrying the load of the paperwork and helping the teachers answer student and parental questions, giving them the successful student's point of view," noted Dean of Studies Joseph Bamberger. "Without them, registration nights would be next to impossible."

Next year Mr. Racky hopes to revitalize the NHS into a "more active club, more consistent with the overall extra-curricular program run here."

Senior Scholars Ready For College

"This year the Senior Class produced 26 Illinois State Scholars," said Fr. Rolland Follmann, Senior Guidance Counselor. "To be named a scholar a student must receive at least a score of 24 on the American College Testing examination and should have a good class rank — usually in the upper 10%," he added.

According to Fr. Follmann, the English grade of the exam is weighted most heavily while math, social studies, and natural sciences follow close behind.

"Generally when a student is named a scholar, he is able to apply for certain academic scholarships that a non-scholar would not be able to apply for," said Follmann. "If a student is named a scholar in Illinois it really doesn't matter that he goes out of state. He will still be recognized as a top 10% student from the whole State of Illinois." Even though a student is named a scholar it does not necessarily mean that he will get a scholarship; his parents' financial situation has a lot to do with whether or not he will get one.

"This year the state is giving a $1000 scholarship to any student who is a scholar and whose rank is the highest in his senior class," said Follmann. "This is a new program with which the state is experimenting," he explained.

This year's seniors will represent St. Rita at many different schools. Fifty-four percent plan to continue their education in a 4-year university. Ten percent plan to go to a 2-year college; eleven percent plan to go on to non-college education (e.g. trade schools); twenty-three percent plan to enter the work force; and two percent plan to go on to music schools. The seniors chose among 36 different colleges and universities with Chicago Circle Campus drawing 20 Rita men, DePaul 18, and St. Xavier finishing third with 9. "This is a well-rounded class in that they chose many different schools," said Fr. Follmann.

Not only will St. Rita be represented at many different schools, but many will be there on scholarships. Lewis University, North Park College, the University of Iowa, Illinois Institute of Technology, and DePaul University were among the schools that awarded St. Rita seniors academic scholarships.

"This was not an outstanding senior class, but they were strong with their national exam scores and with the Advanced Placement test results," said Fr. Follmann. "All in all they were a pretty average, solid Rita class," he concluded.

Bottom Row: Mr. Joseph Bamberger (Director of Studies), Al Sudzus, Mike Laird (DePaul), Rich Dziallo (IIT), Dan Zahora (Circle), Mark Marion (St. Xavier), Stan Mikos (IIT), Ignatius Villasenor (De Paul). Second Row: George Mach (Northwestern), Andy Tyzenhaus (DePaul), Jerry Vohasek (DePaul), Sean Bronzell (Knox), Vitas Briedis (Rosary), Tom Sobun (DePaul), Bill Kirkolis (DePaul), Bill Maurer (Winona State), Tom Coffey (Illinois Wesleyan). Top Row: John Amodei (IIT), Paul Markevicious (Circle), Gustavo Mora (Illinois Weslyan), Paul Cronin (St. Mary), Ted Mikrut (St. Xavier), John Ruikus (IIT), Louis Vallentine (DePaul), Tim Gronkowski (DePaul), Mark Bobek (DePaul), Bob Devaney (North Park).

K of A Membership Breaks Record

This year the Knights of Augustine flourished in its membership according to Br. Timothy Deeter, moderator. "Last year there were 25 members in the organization, and this year the membership climbed to 62, an all time high." The previous record number of members was 55, and Br. Tim expects to see at least 100 members next year.

"I think there is a religious awakening all over the country and that is why more students are becoming interested in the K of A," said Br. Tim. "The K of A offers a lot to its members. They can grow spiritually; they can mold together in a brotherhood; and they can use their combined talents to help others. This is really the purpose of the church," he said.

The K of A used their talents to sponsor several drives over the school year. According to Br. Tim the Toys for Tots Drive was very successful. "We received over 500 toys — most of which were new, and we also received money donations." The group also sponsored the Canned Food Drive and helped the school with religious services, parent-teacher nights, and open houses. "Aside from helping others we had time to grow individually through retreats. The highlight of the retreats came in August when almost all of our members went to Canada; it was a time for all of us to become closer to each other and to God."

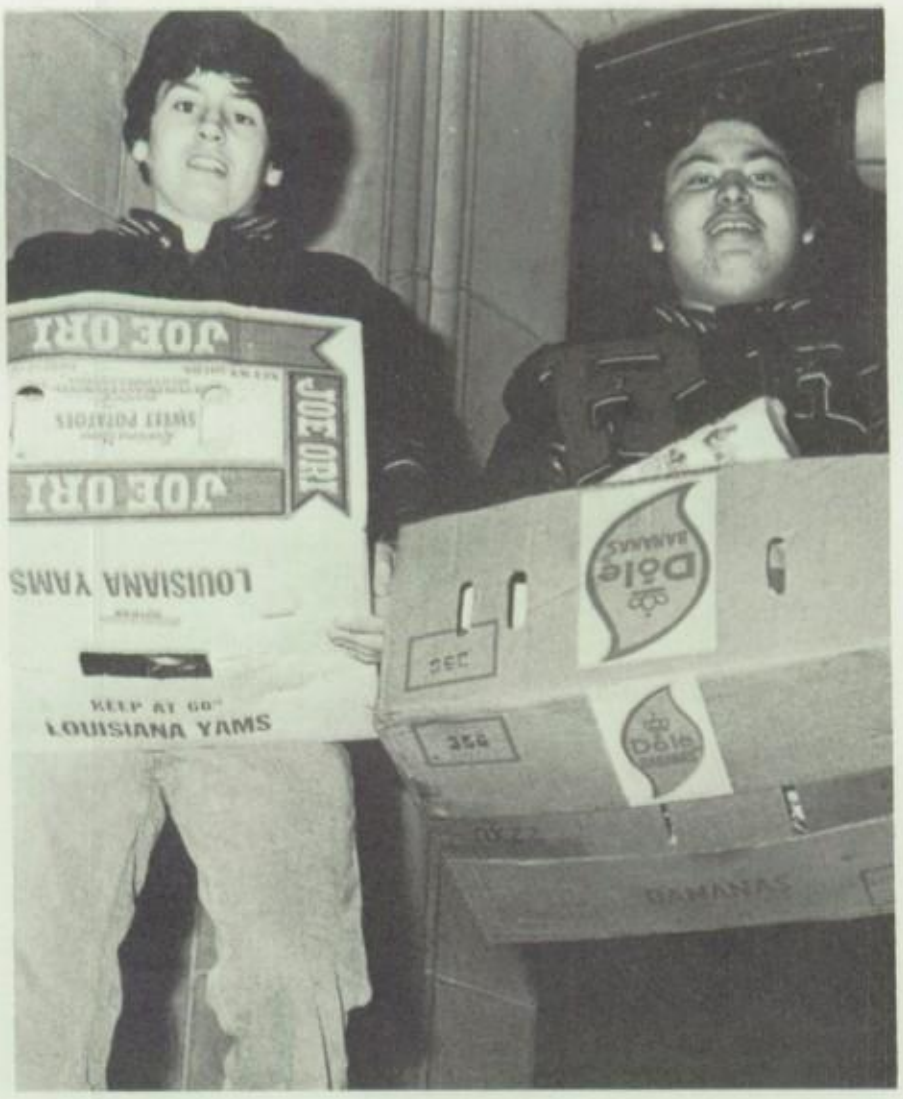
Prate and Anderson share a quiet moment of meditation before a mass.

Bottom Row: M. Venegas, R. Pizzo, T. McCarthy, A. Svabas, R. Lukas. Second Row: P. Seelentag, W. Herr, R. Trevino, D. Mainczyk, S. Kirwin, D. Prate, John Pellegrini. Third Row: Mr. Mike Kisicki, Br. Tim Deeter, J. Izaguirre, J. Egan, W. Hayes, R. Cordero, T. Curran, M. Contreras, Mr. J. Bamberger. Fourth Row: W. Benak, M. Medina, J. Burbatt, J. Pellegrini, W. Luecht, M. Jedry, R. Budzik, J. O'Connor, J. Okoskey, S. Swanson. Top Row: J. Nichols, S. Gaydos, M. Anderson, R. Young, D. McDonald, R. Gallagher, E. Kowalski, K. Russell.

The student body donated over 500 toys to the K of A Toys For Tots Drive.

K of A Members: Servers at Ash Wednesday Service.

John Nichols and Mario Contreras get ready to lead the procession as Fr. Murphy says the final prayer at Ash Wednesday Service.



K of A members deliver food to the homes of needy families.

Chess Team Finishes A Strong Third

According to Mr. Norbert Lasky, Moderator of the Mating Mustangs, the year was very successful in both team competition and in individual effort. "We had some outstanding players on the team this year who really had the ability to put us at the top of the Catholic League."

Mr. Lasky started five freshmen at chess tournaments and had the youngest team in the Catholic League. "Our young team didn't hurt the results of the standings at the end of the season. We finished third in the Area High School Chess Conference behind Marist and Fenwick for the second year in a row," he said. Mr. Lasky is confident that the Mustangs can take first place next year since both Marist and Fenwick teams were made up of seniors who will graduate in June of 1980.

Another reason that Mr. Lasky feels the Mating Mustangs can take the top position in the Catholic League is that four of his five starting players are ranked among the top twelve in the league. Bob Spontak, Mike McGriff, and brothers Karl and George Drunga all finished in the top twelve positions.

Mr. Lasky hopes to build the abilities of the younger members by practicing more than once a week and by purchasing a chess computer. "These additions should get us closer to our goal of being the first-ranked Catholic League team," he concluded.

Mike McGriff, ranked thirteenth in the league, captures his opponent's piece.

Mr. Lasky and Kalvin Kershaw, Robert Spontak, Karl Drunga, Mike McGriff, John Amodei, George Drunga.

Math Tutors Official Organization

"I'm very happy that this year the Math Tutors, better known as the Mathletes, has finally been recognized by the school as one of its organizations," said Mr. John Bulanda, veteran moderator of the St. Rita Math Club. "This means that now students will actually be able to sign up for the club and that their tutoring will be official."

Six math tutors have been active throughout the school year. "Most students who come for tutoring need help in Algebra and some need help in Geometry," said Mr. Bulanda. "A good number of students depend on the tutors for help with math difficulties, and they really take good advantage of the club."

According to Mr. Bulanda, the mathletes meet every day before school and work out homework problems, discuss math rules, and practice what was learned the previous day in class with needy students who have signed up for help. "Since the tutors are upperclassmen they know how to do most of the problems the others need help with."

Despite the recognition that the club got this year, Mr. Bulanda feels that not enough Rita students take advantage of the tutoring. "There are a lot of Rita students being tutored right now, but I think we could handle a lot more," he said.

The Math Club moderator is hoping that this year's increased enrollment will bring more students into use of the club. "I think that we're on the verge of a 'math breakthrough' at Rita, and I'm very happy about this," he concluded.

Math tutor Mark Marion helps freshman Mark Kominkiewicz with his algebra.

Bottom Row: Linas Smulkstys, Mr. John Bulanda, David Paskvan. Top Row: Stanley Mikos, Mark Marion, Sean Bronzell.

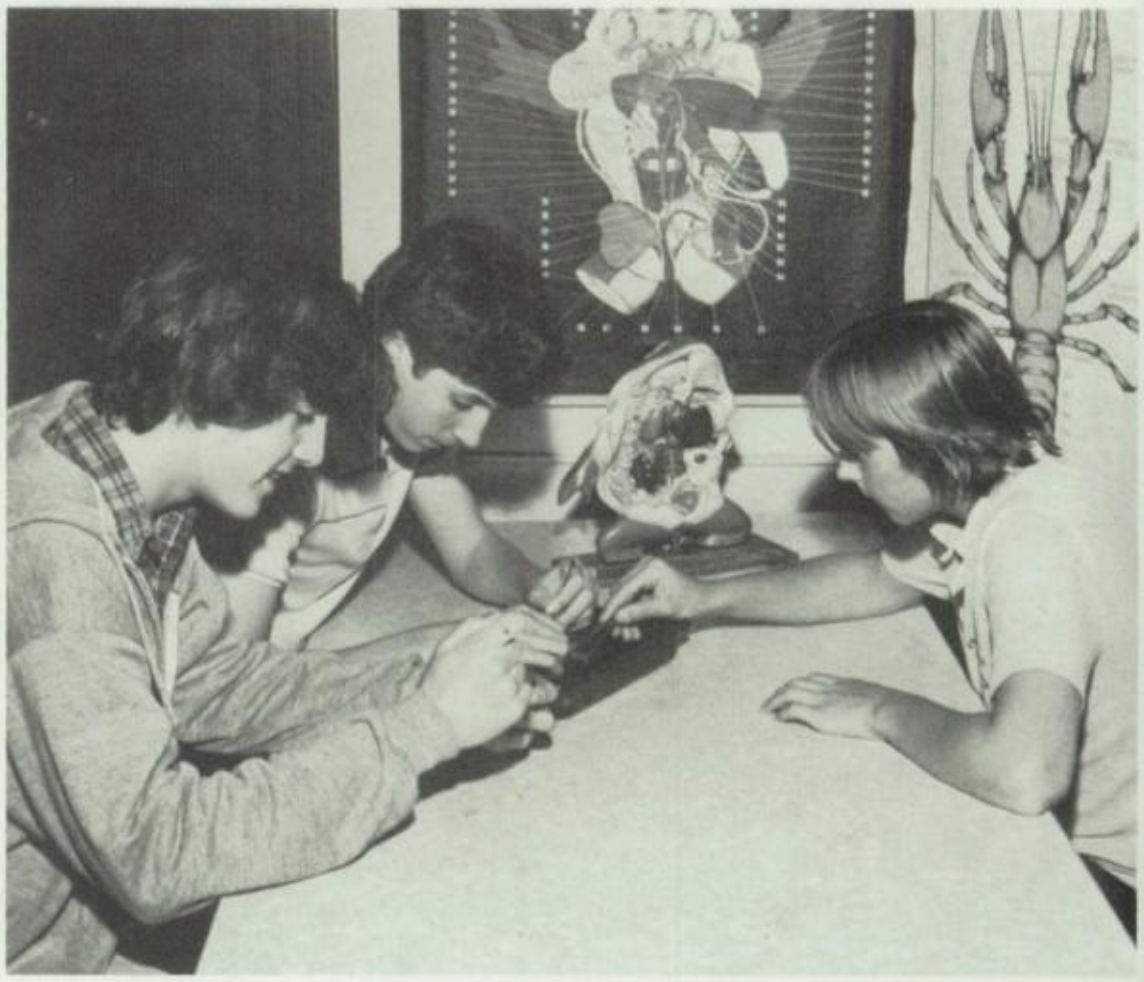
Gasiecki Resurrects Biology Club

The Biology Club, under the direction of Mr. Robert Gasiecki, was revitalized this year as it saw twenty members participate in outside-of-school biology projects. "Last year the club existed, but the student interest dropped and the club faded," said Mr. Gasiecki.

According to Mr. Gasiecki, the club meets about once a week and is a form of independent study. "Most of the students in the club take biology and are doing extra work with dissections and science experiments," he said. "The students in the club have the advantage of having a little extra time to work on some of their class work."

Mr. Gasiecki feels that not only is the club geared toward classroom-type work, but it is also an outlet for urban students to learn more about wildlife and related fields of study. "Every year I sponsor a canoe trip to Canada. These trips can teach the students a lot about wildlife and nature," he said. The canoe trip this year had a record number of participants and was successful in that students witnessed many of the things about which they had learned in the classroom. "I think these trips will become even more popular when students who have already been on the trip want to return," said the moderator.

"I hope the club remains active and that more students will take advantage of it," he concluded.



Three freshman biology club members dissect a crayfish in an after school meeting.

Top Row: Mr. Gasiecki, Karl Drunga, Tom Everett, Tom Boehm, John Gremer. Bottom Row: George Drunga, Pete Meizis, Dan Barcelona, Ron Rizden, Dennis Kingsley.

Computer Department Draws New Members

Electronics Club Moderator, Fr. Casimir Pazera, assembles a radio-controlled car.

There are really five departments in the Electronics Club, which is moderated by Fr. Casimir Pazera. They are the Amateur Radio Department, the Radio Control Department, the Hi-Fi and Stereo Department, the Electronics Department, and the Computer Department.

"The most popular of these is the Computer Department with Radio Control coming in second," said Fr. Pazera. "It helps us bring in many new members."

Each member of the club belongs to a department; however, he is not limited to the amount of departments he can join.

The club meets every day after school to work with equipment in each of the specific fields. The members spend about two hours after school working on projects and experimenting with new ideas. Once a month there is the general meeting to see what each member is doing in his department.

According to Fr. Pazera, some members of the Computer Department learned "Fortran" a computer language, and some were even learning advanced "Fortran." "Several students who have been involved with the Electronics Club here at Rita have used their abilities to plan careers in these fields; while some have gone on to college and majored in electronics, computers, and so on," said Fr. Pazera.

Father Pazera hopes that the Club provides an opportunity for students to learn and experiment with anything in the field of electronics.

Bottom Row: Gerard Jungman, John Wenzel, Henry Frankiewicz, Matthew Trofimuk, Scott Adair. 2nd Row: Mike Medina, Mario Contreras, Joe Polys, Dave Wieczorek, John Rezny. Top Row: Chris Moxley, Linas Smulkstys, Darius Matonis, Linas Matonis, Fr. Casimir Pazera.

Cheerleaders, R-Gang Spark Up Crowds

The two major pep clubs of St. Rita, the Cheerleaders and the "R-Gang" Pep Club, were both very active in 1979-80 supporting the Fighting Mustangs and the Running Mustangs of the high school.

"They did fine jobs and really helped the crowd's spirit with their constant cheering," said Mr. Mike Kisicki, Vice-Principal of Activities and moderator of the R-Gang.

St. Rita's cheerleaders went to Southern Illinois University this summer, and were once again highly-ranked by the United States Cheerleaders Association. "The girls work very hard all year round and they always do well," said Ms. Susan Whooley, moderator of the Cheerleaders.

"I really think the girls are growing in both spirit and ability, and it helps them for the seasons when we go to camp for competition."

The Pep Clubs not only cheered at the ball games but also led the crowd at the four Rita pep rallies this year, leading Ms. Whooley to conclude that "I think we have some of the most talented, spirited and hard-working pep clubs in the city."

St. Rita Cheerleaders: Bottom Row: Monica Kasper, Mary Best, Monica Kearney (capt.), Donna Esposito, Lori Knapczyk. Top Row: Ms. Susan Whooley, Mary Van Der Ploeg, Tish Dugan, Jeannie Gallagher, Rose Tarentino, Sue Elias.

St. Rita Pep Club, the "R-Gang": Bottom Row: Jose Ramirez, Dan Leyva, Dave Morrell, Wayne Frisbie, Jim Kadela, Bob Foley, Louis Bongiorno, Craig Taylor, Jim Turner. 2nd Row: Allan Sam, Jim Rozhon, Mike Olvera, Elce Redmond, Carlos Cabral, Rodger Murphy, Alan Letourneau, John Check, Rich Matkovich, Mr. Mike Kisicki. 3rd Row: Bob Broderick, John Vasko, Tom Urbanski, Sam Vega, Joe Catanzara, Kevin McVeagh, David Kupka, Roger Hudec, Steve Waranuaskas, Brian Martin. 4th Row: Peter Simkus, Mike Kula, Bob Dec, Frankie Mastalerz, Peter Dormann, Pat Hill, Mitch Moore, John Paciga, John Grabowski, Mike Lamping. Top Row: Sam Candela, Tom Grzesiak, Ed Kaminski, Brian Siwek, Mike Skiba, Nick Yanulis, John Roberts, Tony Boyd, Tom Heller (President), Rich Para.

New Formed Ski Club A Major Success

Members of the ski club prepare to take on a slope at Alpine Valley.

This year the Ski Club was a major success, according to Activities Director Mr. Mike Kisicki. "The major reasons for the success of the club were that it was very well organized and that it had an excellent moderator."

"There were 120 members in the club, 80 of whom were really involved. Everyone went skiing at least one time," said Fr. William Neis, moderator. Father feels that the success of the club is due to the amount of students that wanted to stay in shape over the winter, the coverage given to skiing in the 1980 Olympics, and because the sport looks exciting. "The Ski Club offered the students a preplanned package in which all they had to do was pay the fees and show up," said Fr. Neis.

The average cost of a trip is $125. The price includes some meals, all equipment, transportation, and a hotel room. Some of the places the members visited were Alpine Valley, Powderhorn in Michigan, and Black Jack and Indian Head in Upper Michigan.

Not only is the Ski Club making winter trips but in the summer it changes its name and goes camping. The camping club made several major outings over the summer — one included a 200 mile canoe trip.

Bottom Row: Andy Nowak, Barry Smolka, Dan Ryan, Mike Wielgate, Roy Day, Kevin Regan, Dan Leyva, Tom Houlihan. Second Row: John Oblazny, Dave Stanley, Rodger Murphy, Ed Kennedy, Robert Ruddy, Jim Berk, Leo Point, John Sink, Matt Petrich. Third Row: Mark Kostro, John Bendik, Tim Lacny, John Hanson, Randy Maca, Brett LaBell, Bill Manning, Jerry Plant. Fourth Row: Pat Houlihan, Mike Ivanauskas, Jim Borowicz, Jim Navitsky, Tom Lederer, Martin Lopez, John Claffey, Chris Gilhooly, Fr. Neis. Fifth Row: Jose Avina, Bill Parrelli, Bill Erkelens, Jim Corbett, Mike Ownes, Bob Miefert, Ralph Florio, Rich Budzik. Sixth Row: Kevin Copps, Mark Bobek, Al Sudzus, Norm Meske, Ted Mikrut, Jerry Vohasek, Tom Dodwin, Steve Matteo, Mike Bronzell. Top Row: Jim Swieton, John Malanowski, Zenon McHugh, Bob Owen, Tom Sobun, John Ruikus, Mitch Moore, Don Rauhut.

Moderator's Absence Hurts Guitar Club

The Guitar Club, under the direction of Mr. Steve Applebaum, was formed at the beginning of the year and was a successful, sixteen-member organization. However, when Mr. Applebaum resigned as a teacher at the second semester, the club no longer met.

According to Mike McGrath, an active member of the club, the members met once a month in T-12 and tried to figure out the chords of songs. "It was really a good idea, and I thought everyone was learning something about guitars and guitar playing," said McGrath. "Sometimes we would just listen to each other's music and see whether or not we could pick up any new guitar techniques."

Dan Curran, also a member of the club, said that Applebaum would let the members use stereo head phones for guitar practice. "It helped coordinate rhythm and sound," he said. "Mr. Applebaum also coordinated jam sessions — when everyone would play the same song on the guitar," he said.

"I hope that the club is revived next year for the benefit of those that were in for the first year," said McGrath. "The club is a useful one and one that a lot of guys would enjoy."

Dan Curran was an active member of the Guitar Club and is also the lead bass guitarist for his group "Phaedor."

Bottom Row: Bob Diamond, Mike McGrath, Dan Curran, Ralph Florio, Bill Kirkolis. Second Row: Rick Brodecki, Mario Turnage, Mike Carbonera, Jerry Vohasek, Stan Pawlak. Top Row: Rick Budzik, Jim Thomaston, Ted Mikrut, Tim Gronkowski, Paul Markevicius, Lou Valentine.

Br. Mark's Returns Inspires Chorus

Br. Mark Thedens conducts the choir at the Bob Hope Benefit

Under the direction of Br. Mark Thedens, the chorus was fully active once again this year. Last year Brother suffered a severe foot injury and was unable to fulfill many of the chorus' scheduled recitals.

The chorus, with its 30 members, had its highlight early in the year when they performed at the Bob Hope Benefit Special. "The idea of the chorus singing at the benefit was Mr. Brodnicki's. We started preparing for that in August and continued through September and October." According to Br. Mark, the chorus sang 32 songs in 45 minutes and performed before a crowd of several thousand.

The group also performed at the Christmas Concert, the Junior Mother-Son Mass, and Graduation.

Despite the activity of the chorus this year, Br. Mark felt that the organization was not yet back to normal. "We are not back on the track completely," he said. "But I hope that by next year there will be more members and, thus, more activity." He plans to have more get togethers, parties, and field trips to compensate for the work that the members do, and he also wants to revitalize the chorus' main purpose: "learning to make people happy by working hard to put together a performance and helping others have a good time."

"I'm looking forward to a good year with the chorus, especially since I'll be working with an experienced bunch of kids that are used to hard work and good performances," he concluded.

Bottom Row: Rich Meicete, John Pelligrini, Al Glan, Mr. Hofer, Jerry Potempa, Eric Lorenz, Mike McGriff, Dr. Gardner, Tim Larkin. Second Row: John Bryant, John Burbatt, Ed Bischoff, Jim Leucht, Phil Dominguez, Brian Erickson, Ed Konecki, Jim Pelligrini, Mark Thomas, Br. Mark. Third Row: Jim Porcellin, Pat Moone, Steve Kardas, Matt Dwyer, John Nichols, Joe Doweiko, Bob Nemec, Ed Nedzsta, Rich Young, Wes Benek, Linas Laurasonis, Tim Fitzgerald, Bruce Tahowiski, Mike Medona.

Talented Freshmen Lead St. Rita Band

I was very happy with the freshman members of the band this year," said Br. Joseph Fisher, moderator of St. Rita's Marching Mustangs. "They were very talented musically, academically, and in school spirit; and they were very cooperative with all the band's efforts."

Not only was Br. Joe happy with the freshman performance this year, but he was also impressed by the work of the upperclassmen. "We had a very good marching season, we put on some very well-prepared and well-executed half-time shows, and we always came up with a good end product."

The band marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, where they won first place last year; and they played at all of St. Rita's football games. Their annual Spring Festival drew in a good crowd — 250 people more than last year's — and raised enough money to purchase the eagerly-awaited new uniforms for the St. Rita Band.

"All our members have been waiting for these new uniforms for a very long time," said Br. Joe. "With the money from the festival, the Band Boosters' Las Vegas Night, and the ad books, we were finally able to save enough money to change the band's appearance for next year."

Br. Joe was also happy with the amount of social gatherings that the band members coordinated in 1979-80. Under the leadership of the band officers, the club sponsored a highly successful roller-skating party at Fleetwood Roller Rink; they sponsored their first dance in eight years, featuring band alumnus Nivio Perovich and "Crystal Myth," a former back-up band for Van Halen; and they also sponsored several gym nights and get-togethers.

The purpose of the gatherings is "to cement good fellowship among our members and, plain and simple, to have a good time," said Band Director Louis Ricci.

The highlight of the band year came when they performed at the St. Rita Hall of Fame Night at Comiskey Park. The evening became a double celebration for the band when Mr. Louis Ricci, the band director for 23 years, was inducted along with eight others into the Hall of Fame.

Juan Gonzalez plays the trombone to the tune of "My Sharona."

St. Rita's high-stepping drum major, Matt Dwyer, prepares to lead the band at Soldiers Field.

The Ritanettes take position for halftime entertainment at the St. Rita-St. Laurence football game.

Pre-game practice helps Bob Hubbard churn out the Fight song.

Patti Foley marches to the firey tune "Espana" during half time at the lakefront.

Alumni Ritanettes take over the field at the Rita-DeSales homecoming game.

Mike Smith plays a few songs from Stage Review.

Heavy hatted Joe Polys is in top form in flute playing.

Tom Kress and Jim Perchelli are in step to the Theme from Rocky.

Ellen Pfeffer does some fancy handwork with her gun during the half time show.

Mike Medina and Ed Kominski at Soldier Field.

Members of the Band performed before a crowd of 10,000 when Rita met Laurence.

Maureen Salmon marches in the Homecoming Parade.

Bottom Row: Frank Iglinski, Louis Bongiorno, Dan Gumienny, Ed Kaminski, Terrence Knight, Frank Skrip, Steve Kordelewski, Dan Koetzle, Alfonso Galon, Paul Seelentag. Second Row: Nicholas Lukasik, Emanuel Vacchiano, James Palous, Tom Kress, John Zydowicz, Mike Medina, Brian Kureja, Juan Gonzalez, Michael Smith, George Dvorak, Dennis Kingsley. Third Row: Mike Montalvo, Rich Risden, Bernard Scianna, Matthew Strama, Kevin Kaiser, Robert Fishback, Timothy Fitzgerald, Richard Nedza, Tom Bezinovich, Willson Hernandez, Glenn Fairbanks. Fourth Row: Dave McDonald, Glenn Oskvarek, Mark Marion, Hansel Claudio, Kent Munroe, Jose Otero, Joseph Kobiec, William Miller, Stanley Mikos, Joseph Polis. Top Row: Rodger Murphy, Mike Scianna, Bob Wyrich, Tom McCarthy, Rich Gossett, Rich Laszkiewicz, George Dominiak, Komkrit Sirirat, Alex Molina, Matt Dwyer. Ritanettes: Sue O'Neil, Denise Elsen, Margaret Kress, Peggy McMahon, Jennifer Smith, Patti Peterson, Cheryl Carlson, Angela Love, Ellen Pfeffer, Ann Lynch, Laura Felonk, Patty Foley, Donna Husar, Lisa Kordelewski, Chris Salmon, Marybeth Foley, Karen Stuba, Judy Lenz, Kathy Brady, Ann Sullivan, Karen Grzewia, Patty Rapken.

New Photo Club Attracts a Following

According to Mr. James Cuci, first-year teacher and moderator of the new Photo Club, the Club was organized to improve the photographic skills of all of the members by making them aware of all of the camera's uses. "The club was striving to help members master the basics of photography," he said. "Being a first year organization, we had to get ourselves settled, and much of the time we had to improvise."

The Photo Club met at least twice a month to discuss basic photography skills. A professional photographer came to several of the club's meetings to demonstrate the uses of the camera and the lens. Movies about photography and picture taking were a regular part of the club's meetings. "A lot of the guys knew most of the material that was being taught, but they enjoyed the club because they got a new perspective on what they already knew," said Mr. Cuci.

Aside from its regularly scheduled meetings, the club made trips to the zoo and the forest preserves to take pictures. "We would compare pictures to see how we could improve our picture-taking techniques," said Mr. Cuci. "These trips gave the guys practical photographic experience."

At the end of the year there were twelve members involved with the club, most of whom were sophomores and juniors. Mr. Cuci would like to see the members become more active and more independent of the moderator. "We elected officers this year, and I would like to see them, in the future, do most of the organizing and preparing for the meetings."

The highlight of the club's year came when they sponsored the first annual photo contest. Junior Paul Mazur won the contest with his picture of a wooded area.

George Schuetter experiments with his camera during a photo club meeting.

Bottom Row: B. Novak, J. Kurles, T. Schultz, M. Conroy, S. Grzbowski, W. Pickert, M. Villa. Top Row: L. Gonzalez, G. Fakouri, S. Supa, P. Mazur, G. Shuttre, K. Kershaw, R. Mrozek, W. Herr, W. Maurer, Mr. James Cuci.

Rita Publishes First-Ever Lit Journal

Ms. Zepeda and Editor Al Romero do some last minute proof reading of a submitted poem.

For the first time in its history, St. Rita has produced a literary journal, called INSCAPE, under the direction of first-year teacher and moderator Ms. Sally Zepeda. "The purpose of the journal, a magazine-style publication with short stories, poems, and art work, is to provide an outlet for creative endeavors and also to provide a form of entertainment for the Rita community," she said.

"Since this was a pilot project, the editors and I had to start from scratch and, at the same time, preserve good literary quality," said Ms. Zepeda. "Hopefully the journal will be included with the regular activities fee next year so that we can have more pages in the book and more books distributed to the student body."

According to Ms. Zepeda there were 12 staff members, three of whom were editors. The staff met twice a month to review any stories, poems, or art work that had been submitted for publication. The editors and Ms. Zepeda then made the final decision as to what would be printed. "I tried to make the process as democratic as possible so that there would be no prejudice when we selected the final publishing material," she said. "I was especially amazed at the amount of enthusiasm that the editors displayed over this project," she added. "They deserve a lot of credit."

Ms. Zepeda's basic objective for the club is to make the journal better. "Now that we have our first copy, the editors and I can improve the style and format and strive for even more quality," she concluded.

Bottom Row: Sean Bronzell, Don Smith, Jim Walsh, Jose Perez. Top Row: Ms. Sally Zepeda, Rich Budzik, Al Romero, Andy Canchola, Linas Smulkstys.

Ritan Ranked Among Nation's Top 50

The Ritan, St. Rita's school newspaper moderated by Dr. Donald Racky, Jr., has once again established itself as one of the top school newspapers in the country by earning its fourth straight All-American rating.

The rating is given by the National Scholastic Press Association, a national rating group established at the University of Minnesota.

"The special thing about this semester is that, for the first time in Rita history, the rating association awarded us five out of five marks of distinction, including graphics, which was the paper's weakness in the past," said Dr. Racky. "There are about 100 newspapers in the country that receive four marks of distinction, but only about 50 in the entire United States that receive 5."

"I think if the paper can consistently get marks of distinction in graphics, then we will have accomplished something great." Dr. Racky continued, "There will be a transition of editors in that department, and I'm not sure whether or not that will have any effect on trying to achieve our goal."

Dr. Racky feels that certain weaknesses in the Ritan still remain, and must be corrected. "We need a sharper focus on the leads of stories, and we must stress the 'newsiness' of a story rather than giving just an historical account of a story; the proofreading needs some work, too," he said.

"One problem that the Ritan ran into this year was that we were not blessed with as much togetherness as we have had in the past. There was a lot of work-contact but not enough real, vibrant friendship."

"I hope that we can resolve this problem in the future," he concluded.

Editor Len Richardson and assistant Tom O'Dowd look for ideas in another All-American paper.

Bottom Row: Editors Lendell Richardson, Wally Dabrowski, Sean Bronzell, Dr. Donald Racky, Jr. Top Row: Mike Slavador, Bob Nawrocki, Vitas Briedis.

Assistant editors Rich Young, Tom O'Dowd, Dave Sakalys, Stan Szeremeta.

Bottom Row: Tim Getich, Don Sierzega, Den Kingsley, Jesus Casas, Kevin McGoldrick, Scott Vieu, Tim Lacny. 2nd Row: John Duda, Mike Brooks, Tony Tan, John Rough, Mark Buford, Mark Kostro, Dave Obrzut, John O'Donald. 3rd Row: Boa Svidron, Mario Contreras, Rich Gossett, Tim O'Neill, Mike McGrath, Dan Curran, Ray Ramirez, Bill Maurer, Darius Matonis, John Gremer, Henry Frankiewicz. Top Row: John Nieciak, Ken Falat, Bill Luecht, Paul Cronin, Al Romero, Rich Budzik, Tom Chronakos, Boa Synal, Hector Riojas, George Schuetter.

Cascian Commemorates School's 75th

Led by Senior Editors Al Romero and Bill Maurer and Junior Editor Rich Budzik, the 1980 Cascian attempted to honor the school's 75th Anniversary while maintaining full coverage of the year's current events.

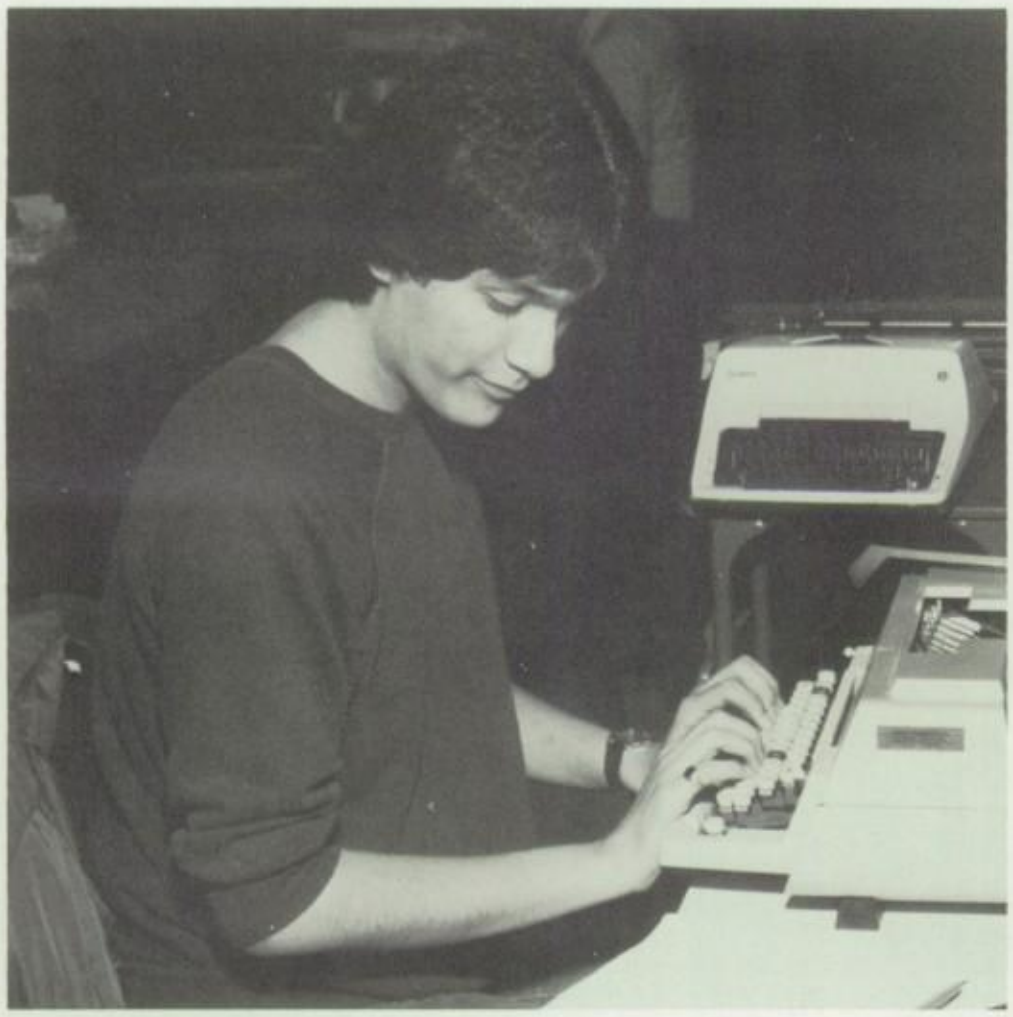
"Budgets are always a problem," according to moderator Mr. Mike Riley. "It would be nice if we could afford to do all the things in the book that we would like to do. But since publishing costs are constantly on the increase, it becomes more and more difficult each year."

This year's book included a 16 page opening section dedicated to the school's past and a full color section for the Senior Class. "In the future, I expect to see more and more of the yearbooks from high schools the size of St. Rita to feature large amounts of color printing," said Riley. "Color printing has become easier and less costly than it has been in the past. It is very nice to dream about a complete book of color."

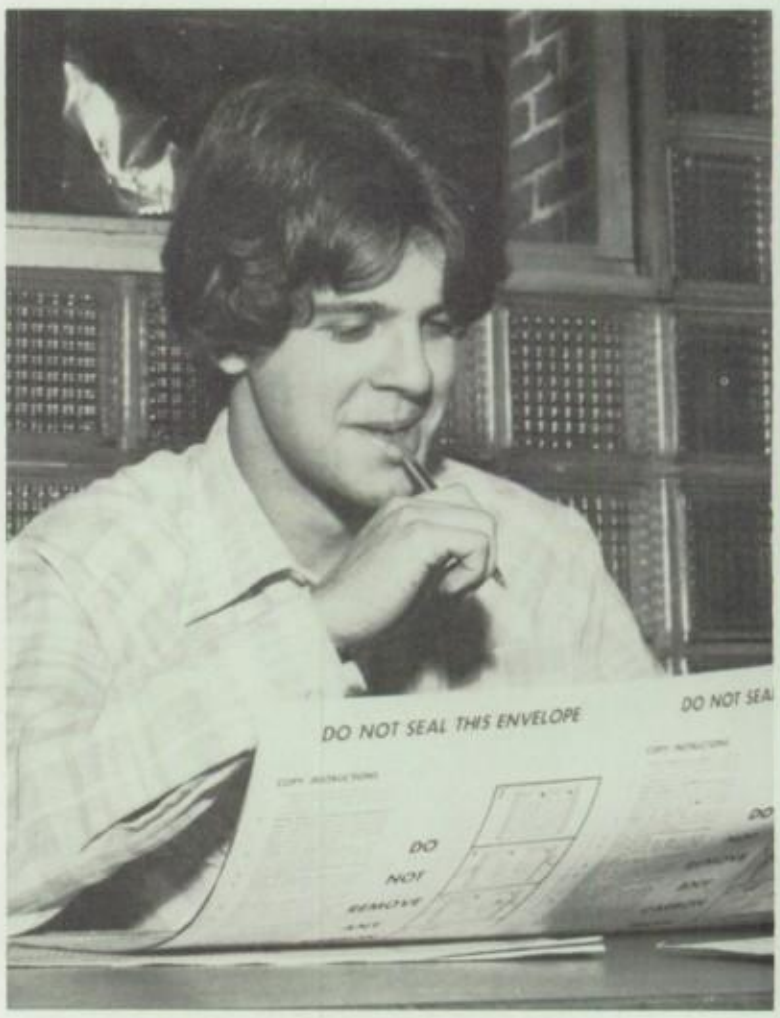
For the first time in several years the Cascian submitted copies to a national rating service and received a First Class rank.

According to Al Romero, "We hope that what we have learned from the comments from the rating service will pay off in this year's book. I can't be sure that we will receive the All American rating (the number one rank) but I am sure that the quality of the book has improved."

Al Romero, Mr. Mike Riley, Rich Budzik, and Bill Maurer.



As writing editor, Al Romero was responsible for the information about the school's history in the opening section.



Rich Budzik revises one of the book's layouts during a deadline.

Photographer Ed Kowalski: an asset to the photo department.

Photo Editor Bill Maurer crops a picture for the yearbook's Activities section.

Bottom Row: Leo Point, John Brown, Wally Kulak, Mario Contreras, John Hozzian. Top Row: Ed Kowalski, Andy Canchola, Larry Cyz, Ken Falat, John Rough, Bob Svidron.

Rita Sees New, Active Student Council

Led by new Activities Director Mr. Mike Kisicki, Student Council President Ed Duffy, and "a great array of class officers and club moderators who worked very hard this year," the 1980 Activities scene at St. Rita was a bright and dynamic one.

The Student Council was reorganized this year under Duffy, who also brought back to life the St. Rita Student Senate for monthly meetings. The Senate discussed and voted on 26 different proposals in 1980, many of which were later adopted by the Administration.

"Student Government was more than just proms and dances this year," said Duffy. "It was a real voice of the students, and a real force to be reckoned with on school issues and policies at St. Rita."

Duffy and the Council initiated a new "Dance-A-Month" policy at St. Rita in 1980. "We were convinced that with good publicity and hard work, dances could become successful at our school again."

And they were — nine dances, averaging over 450 a dance, were held at Rita in 1979-80.

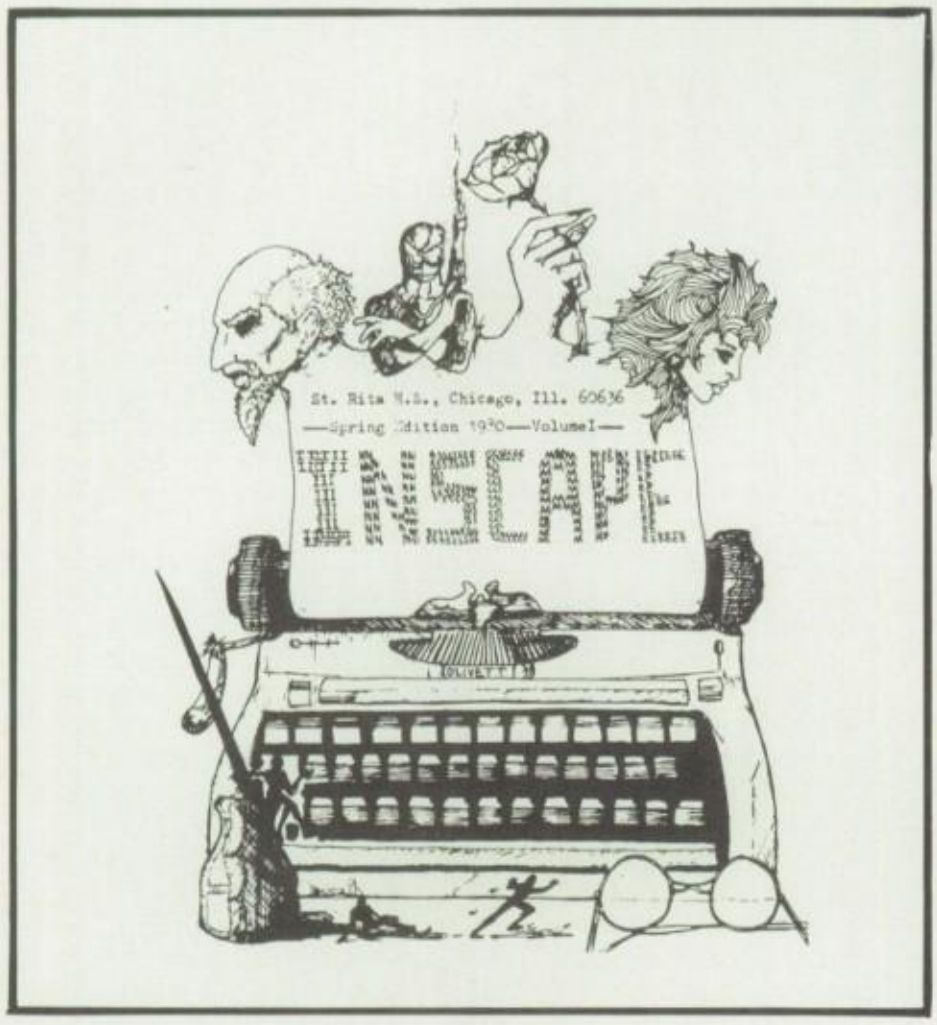
Freshman Class Moderator Mr. Dennis Murawski; Senior Class Moderator and Vice-Principal Mr. Mike Kisicki; Sophomore Class Moderator Br. Mark Thedens. Missing: Junior Class Moderator Mr. Ronald Nowak.

The 1979-80 St. Rita Student Council: Bottom Row: Moderator Mr. Mike Kisicki, President Ed Duffy. Top Row: Senior President Tom Coffey, Secretary Dom Prate, Treasurer Paul Cartee. Missing: Vice-President Tom Arundel.

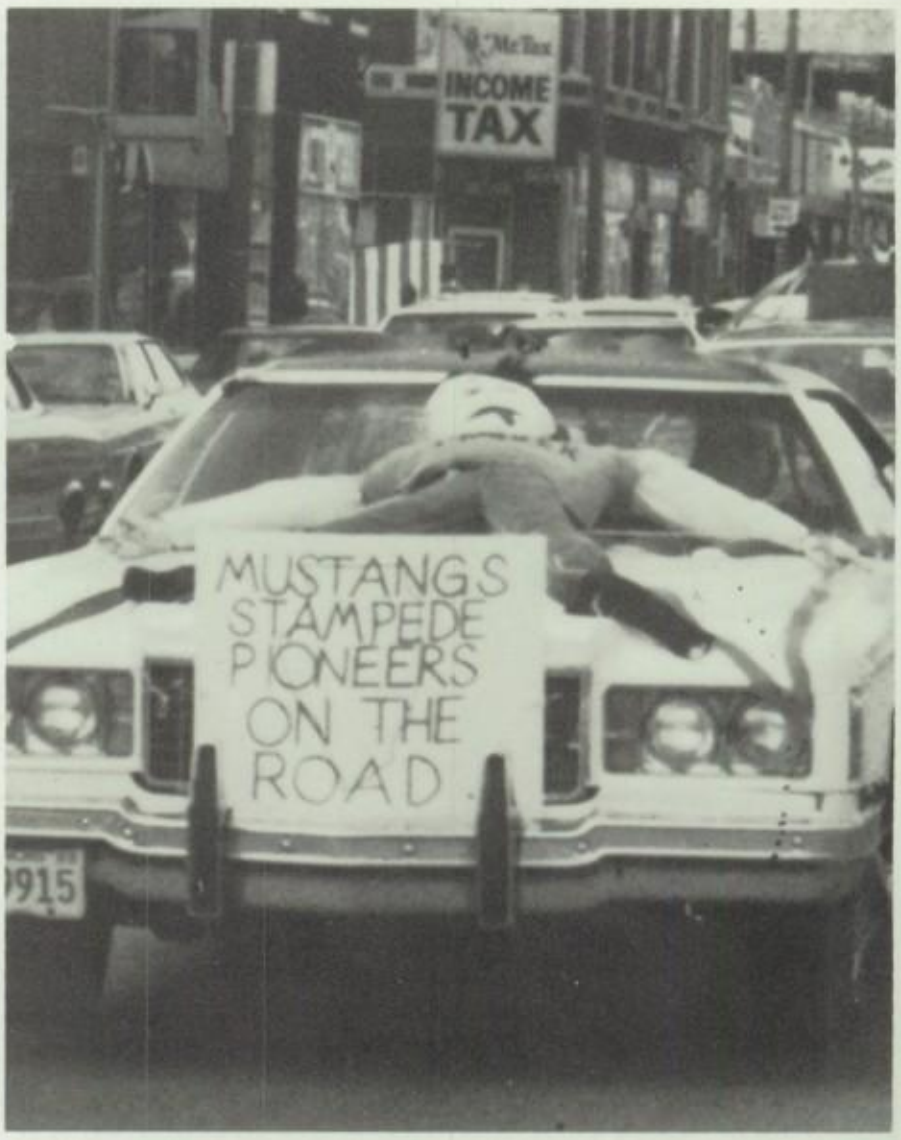
The St. Rita Student Senate: Bottom Row: Pat Gorman, Tom Lynch, Todd Biondo, Ron Francis, John Schmidt, Dave Obrzut, Ralph Florio, Tom Freeman. 2nd Row: Joe Gorman, Dennis Arrigo, Tom Coffey, Dan Ahmer, Tony Mestan, Rick Brodecki, Ed Barrett. Top Row: Moderator Mr. Mike Kisicki, Dom Prate, Paul Cartee, Ed Duffy. Missing: Tom Arundel, Brian Rzepka.

Junior Johnny Egan sings for his band, "Breakdown," during the "Battle of the Bands" in the gym.

The crowd cheers on "Lazy Axe" during the benefit concert for the Arundels.



New organizations like the Literary Journal "Inscape" grew at Rita this year.



Homecoming parade prophecy came true: St. Rita stampeded St. Francis 45-12.

Religious activities increased this year as well; here, Br. Deeter prepares for a Lenten Service.

Chris Gilhooly on the slopes: a member of the newly founded Ski Club.

Fahey Flynn addresses 1200 Rita "walkers" at the Rita rally in the Loop.

1980 Dances Soar

Among the nine dances and concerts organized by the Council and the Senate were the outdoor concert by "Freewheelin'" and "Starcruising," the "M & R Rush" Concert, and a free concert starring "The Hounds" for students of St. Rita and Lourdes who had participated in their school's respective spring fund-raising drives.

These and the many other events sponsored by the Student Council were publicized in the new Student Government Newsletter, another addition to the Rita scene this year; the newsletter itself was written and edited by Council Secretary Dominic Prate.

Aside from the active Student Council, the Activities Program under Kisicki hit an historical high mark in the number of active clubs at the school, with 23 approved organizations functioning for the students of St. Rita.

Among the new additions to the program this year were the Ski and Camping Club, "the most successful due to the hard work and popularity of its moderator Fr. Neis," Kisicki said; the St. Rita Literary Journal "Inscape," moderated by Ms. Sally Zepeda; the Photography Club, founded by Mr. Jim Cuci; and a guitar club moderated until January by Mr. Steve Applebaum.

"Added to the usual great work of the other clubs and moderators," Kisicki said, St. Rita enjoyed a rebirth of interest in extra-curricular activities.

Homecoming '79 featured the theme "Back to Normal Again" as the student body rallied behind the Fighting Mustangs' bid to return downstate and win the state football championship for the second year in a row.

The Homecoming rally on Friday afternoon was preceded by a week-long set of activities designed to "get St. Rita up" for the big game.

St. Rita's Cheerleaders ride in the Homecoming Parade before the Sunday football game against St. Francis.

Rita "walkers" gather with Ms. Sue Whooley during the October Walk-A-Thon.

Many Contribute To Activities Success

Monday of Homecoming Week was "Decoration Day," and the freshman classes all decorated parts of St. Rita's hallways with banners, balloons, and crepe paper. Tuesday was "Dress Up Day," with Rita students all wearing shirts, jackets and pants bearing the name of their school and her sports teams. Wednesday was "Beat St. Francis Day" and Thursday, "Bury St. Francis Day," during which a stuffed Pioneer was buried in effigy in St. Rita Football Stadium. "Moratorium Day" was Friday — a day in which all students and faculty were silent in the halls and cafeteria in mock "sorrow" for the upcoming "death" of St. Francis.

Miss Debbie Hirniak of Lourdes High School was the 1979 Homecoming Queen and Marty Gallagher, her escort, was King of the Rita celebration. "Mr. Mustang" also returned to cheer the crowds on as both Tom Heller and Ron Francis donned "hoof and tail" on the gridiron and at pep rallies.

The traditional banner contest and the Homecoming Parade led up to the Sunday afternoon climax in which the Fighting Mustangs lived up to the spirit of the crowd and routed the Pioneers of St. Francis 45-12 — a stunning end to a successful Homecoming.

Besides the Homecoming activities, the Activities Department also staged many successful concerts and dances this year, all of them benefit concerts for a family, a club, or a class in need. After "Freewheelin' " kicked off the year's concerts outdoors on Friday of Homecoming week, a "Battle of the Bands" was staged in November to raise funds to buy equipment for the Student Center. Over 600 young men and women attended the "Battle."

"Lazy Axe" appeared in a December concert organized by Kisicki and students Ken Hansen, Joe Urchak and Brian Rzepka on behalf of the Arundel family. "Phaedor" played to the crowds in March to bring down the costs of the junior prom. The St. Rita Band sponsored the "Crystal Myth" concert in March, and later that month junior Joe Martinez brought in "Dr. J. and his Disco Sound" in a fund-raiser for the Misricordia Home.

Rita lettermen Mike Ivanuaskas, Greg Mitchell and Jim Lick lead the mock burial of St. Francis on Homecoming Friday

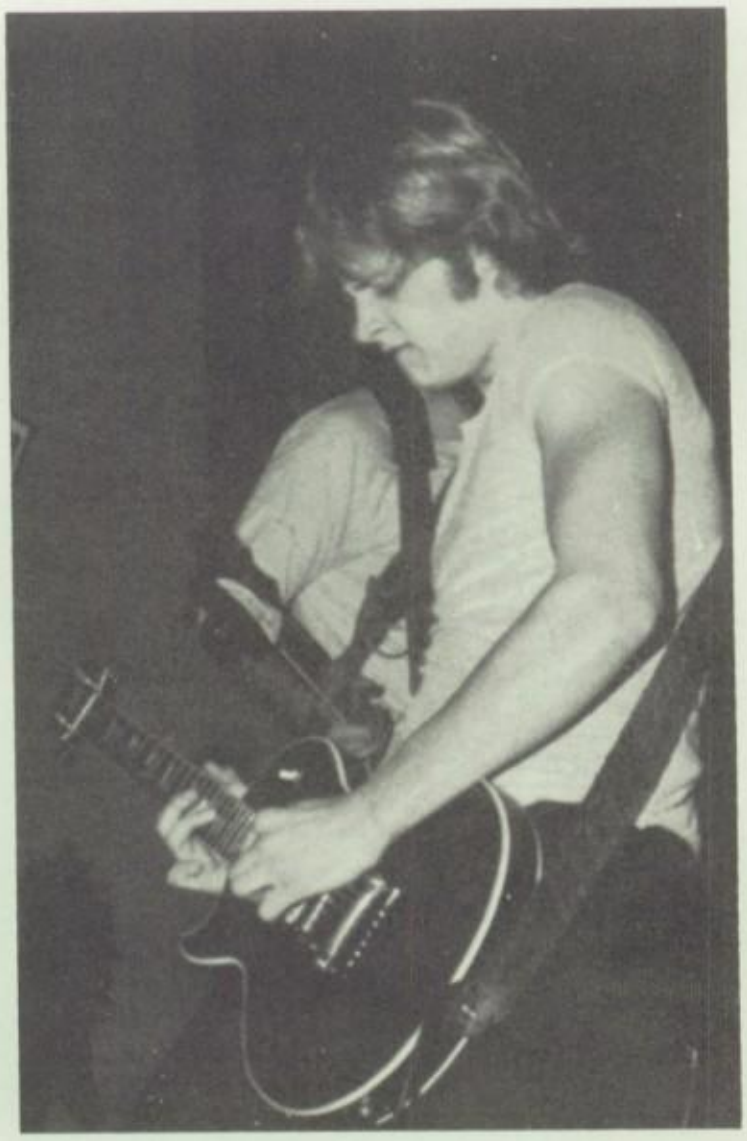
"Freewheelin' " jams at Rita's first outdoor concert in five years.

Principal Fr. David Brecht crowns Miss Debbie Hirniak as 1979 Homecoming Queen, as Marty Gallagher looks on.

"Phaedor's" Paul Francour wails in concert sponsored by sophomore Student Senate members.

The scoreboard says it all as Rita wins its 1979 Homecoming game.

Student Council President Ed Duffy "turns on the crowd" at the 1979 Homecoming Pep Rally.



Paul Markevicius of "Lazy Axe" at the Council's benefit concert.

Pride Week A Smash

Rita Fest was celebrated in conjunction with the Development Office and Mr. Tom Brodnicki after the White Sox Nite Drive; and over 400 Rita men participated in a day-long set of activities: trike races, frisbie tosses, a batting cage, a rope climb and even a paper-airplane toss.

Boxing Nite was sponsored by the Junior Class and President Joe Gorman, and the April matches brought in over 400 people to the gym. The costs of the junior prom were defrayed by Boxing Nite and over 100 juniors attended the 1980 prom at Niko's.

Pride Week arrived in late April and offered Rita men "a chance to have a little fun during the day around the school," said Kisicki. Jerry Plant won the Ping Pong Tourney; Al Mojica, the Foosball Tourney; Section 1G, the Tug-of-War; and Joe Tenn, the "Ugly Man" Contest.

Council President Ed Duffy was selected "Mr. Mustang" and Fr. William Neis "Teacher of the Year" in "two excellent Pride Week choices," Kisicki announced.

The Sports Challenge series saw Volleyball MVP George Mach lead the Senior Stars to victory, while Basketball MVP John Danaher scored 14 points to lead the Junior Stars past Team Faculty 57-54, despite 15 points by Mr. Jim Segredo and 14 by Mr. Mike Kisicki.

Increased religious services by the Theology Department, more gym nights by the Athletic Department, and special events like the Bears basketball exhibition or the Voter Registration Drive all led to a successful 1979-80 in which "the unsung heroes, our teachers, students and club moderators, did so much work and deserve so much credit," ended Kisicki.

Joey Gorman vs. George Porter in the Junior Class's successful "Boxing Nite."

Junior class officer Rick Brodecki and his date relax at the 1980 Junior Prom.

Tom Heller as "Mr. Mustang" at the Homecoming pep rally.

Section 1-E tugs valiantly in a losing effort during the Pride Week "Tug of War."

Junior Mark Clemmons snuggles with his date at the Junior Prom.

Mr. Mike Kisicki, who directed the St. Rita Activities Program of 1979-80.

St. Rita Band performs in the Homecoming parade down Western Avenue.

St. Rita Marks 75th

St. Rita's 75th Diamond Anniversary was celebrated in style through the efforts of Mr. Thomas Brodnicki, Director of Development and "many other teachers, parents, students, alumni and friends of our school," said Rev. David L. Brecht, Principal.

The St. Rita Calendar, sold through a drive held last year, resulted in over 220 friends of the school winning prizes, and also served "as a historical reminder of the 75 years of progress that St. Rita has made in academics, sports, clubs, and right on down the line," Brodnicki said.

The Development Director also organized the St. Rita Walk to the Loop, culminating in a giant rally at the Chicago Civic Center on behalf of St. Rita and her anniversary. Fahey Flynn, City Clerk Walter S. Kozubowski, and Fr. Brecht spoke to the 1200 Rita men who had finished the 20-kilometer walk "with a lot of pride and emotion," noted the Principal.

Bob Hope entertained at the Auditorium Theatre Nov. 11th to honor St. Rita's 75th year. Br. Mark Theden's Anniversary Chorus, and Las Vegas entertainer Patrician Price, also sang.

The Alumni Banquet held at the Sabre Room in April also honored the school's anniversary, with "a great job done by Fr. Sobiesk and the alumni officers," said Brodnicki.

Cardinal Cody, Prior General Rev. Theodore Tack, and many other church and civic dignitaries celebrated the Diamond Anniversary Mass at St. Rita Church on April 12 — "a beautiful ceremony," said Fr. Brecht.

St. Rita also became the only high school in the history of Chicago to be given a "Night of Recognition" at Comiskey Park on June 10. White Sox President Bill Veeck praised the school on St. Rita Night, calling it "a great institution, standing for the highest of ideals."

Bob Hope, who performed for St Rita's Diamond Anniversary.

Hope introduces Miss Patrician Price, last year's "Best New Performer of the Year," to the Rita crowd.

Hope sits down and cracks a few gags with the anniversary night crowd.

Archbishop Cody enters St. Rita Church to celebrate the Anniversary Mass.

Augustinian Prior General Rev. Theodore Tack serves Communion at the 75th Year Mass.

St. Rita 75th Anniversary Chorus: Bottom Row: C. Tonn, B. Hawes, J. Knowski, B. Scianna, B. Erickson, M. Acosta, D. Smith, J. O'Donnell, J. Perez, A. Galan, T. Doyle, T. Biondo, J. Zydowicz, J. Tenn, M. Medina, M. Strama. 2nd Row: M. Dwyer, M. Petrich, J. Porcelli, R. Budzik, J. Polys, R. Ramirez, T. Murney, B. Neville, D. Taylor, J. LaBoske, J. Bochenczak, J. Tolley, R. Haugh, F. Rizzo, Director Br. Tim Deeter. Top Row: S. Kordelewski, M. Smith, T. FitzGerald, T. Kress.

STUDENTS

FRESHMEN

Albert Acosta
Antonio Amador
Daniel Barcelona

Marcelino Acosta
Joseph Anguiano
Juan Barrera

Scot Adair
Rodrigo Arreola
Michael Barrett

Jose Alferes
Peter Assensi
Peter Becker

James Allen
Lawrence Augustine
Christopher Bentley

Jeffrey Allen
Jose Avina
Dwayne Bevly

Lonnie Alston
Shawn Balark
Thomas Bezinovich

Juan Alvarez
Mark Baranowski
Donald Bigeck

Eagerness In Class Is Common Frosh Trait

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odd Biondo
ouglas Blatchford
Michael Bilecki
Jeffrey Blanchard
James Bochenczak

Ed Kennedy is anxious to answer a tough question about the Bible in Br. Tim Deeter's Theology class. Freshmen are required to study the Bible, the life of Christ, and adolescent adjustment.

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David Bradel
Jonathon Brown
Daniel Brennan
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Robert Broderick
Willie Bryant
Matthew Bronzell
John Burbatt
Michael Brooks
Lamar Butler
Daniel Brown
John Bylina

Freshmen Learn "Short Cut" In Biology

Steven Calderon

Juan Campos

Andrew Canchola

Salvatore Candela

Richard Carrillo

Dexter Carroll

Thomas Cabanski
Thomas Casey
Louis Cernicka

Carlos Cabral
Joseph Catanzara
Kenneth Chapman

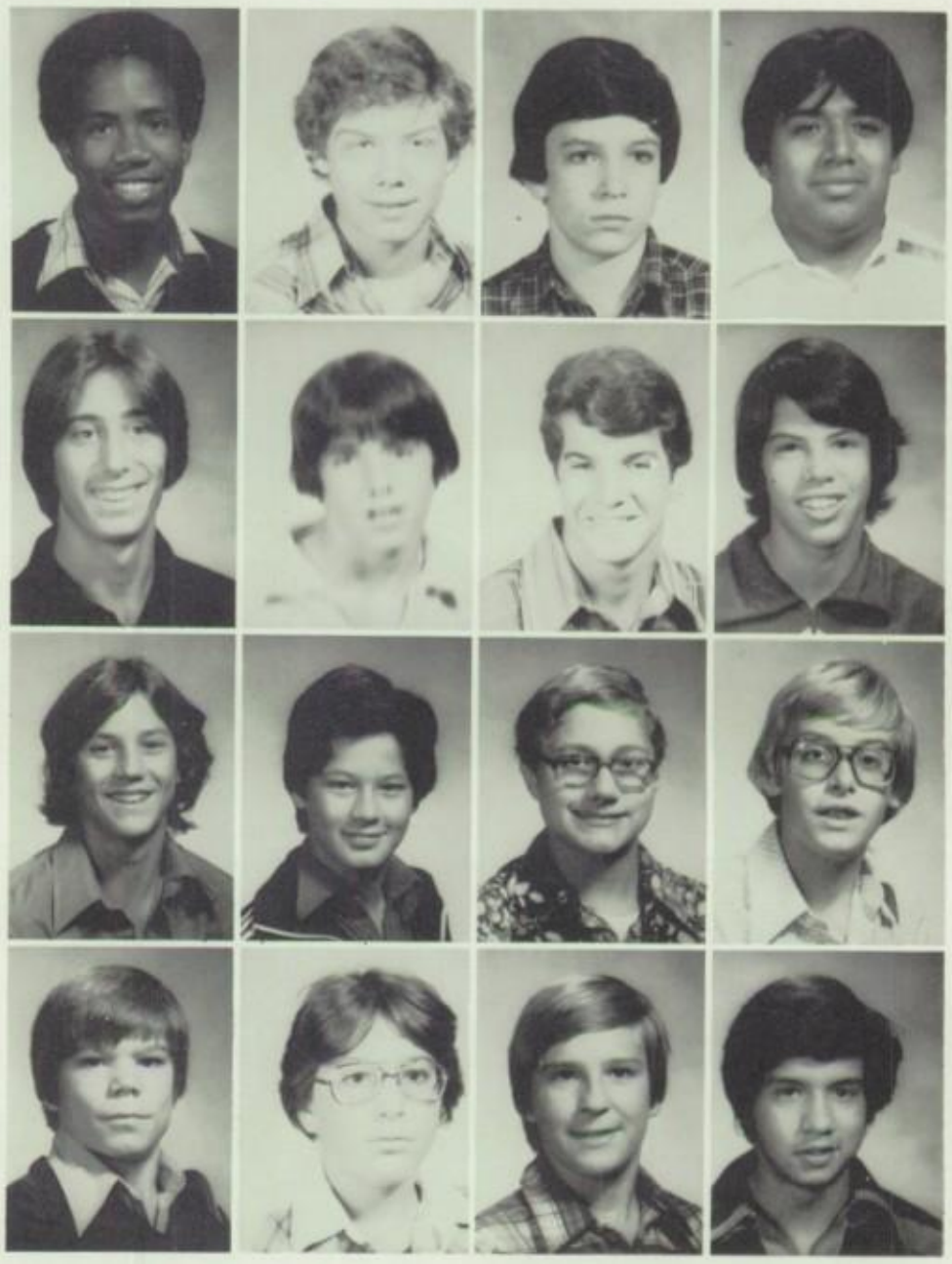
John Check
Frank Cicero
Frank Coco

Ernest Chisholm
Hansel Claudio
Brian Coe

Dave Zvirblis dissects a crayfish in Mr. Gasiecki's biology class. Dissection plays a major part in the science curriculum.

The Slopes Welcome Frosh Skiers

Don Rauhut, a member of the ski club, cannot wait to hit the slopes at Cadillac Michigan. The ski club, under Fr. Neis's direction, visited more than five ski locations.



Xavier Collier
Carlo Costabile
Jeffrey Crosby
Brian Davenport

Michael Conroy
Paul Costello
Kevin Crowley
Robert Dec

Michael Conway
Sean Coyle
Thomas Curran
Jerry Dedic

Richard Cordero
David Craig
Stephen Daily
Armando Delbosque

Anthony Demma
David Dominski

Gerald Dertz
Jeff Doody

Philip Diazdeleon
Peter Dormann

Robert Dietrick
James Dornbos

Mark Digrazia
Leon Doroba

Gerald Dix
Jurgis Drunga

John Dobbyn
Karolis Drunga

Robert Dombroski
Eric Ducksworth

Soldier Field Debut For Band Frosh

Solomon Duncan
Kenneth Feeley

Thomas Dziewa
Robert Fell

James Egan
John Felonk

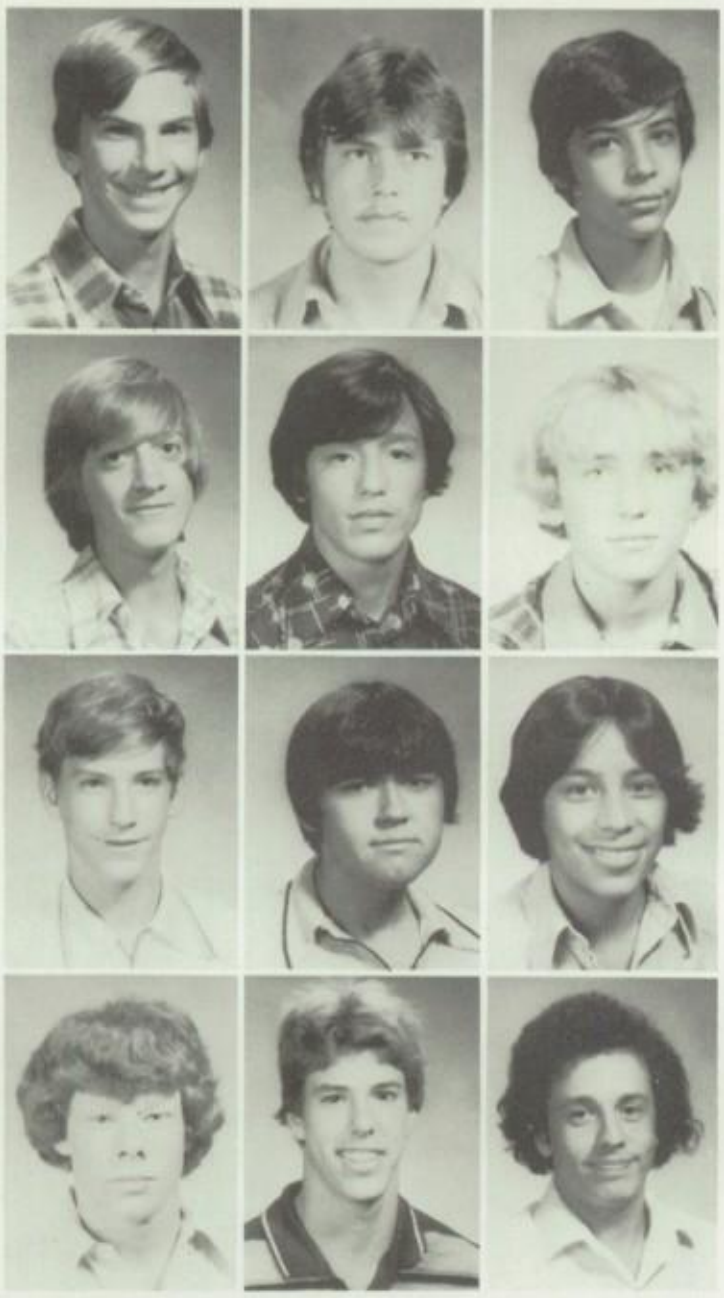
Richard Egan
Kevin Ferguson

Carlos Escobedo
Stanley Fit

Edward Esteves
Thomas Fitzgerald

Thomas Everett
Kenneth Flaminio

Glen Fairbanks
Robert Foley



Daniel Foys
Lawrence Gal
Robert Gallagher
Edward Gannon

Thomas Freeman
Jose Galan
Juan Gallardo
Ronald Gapski

Wayne Frisbie
Joseph Gall
John Galvan
John Garbaciak

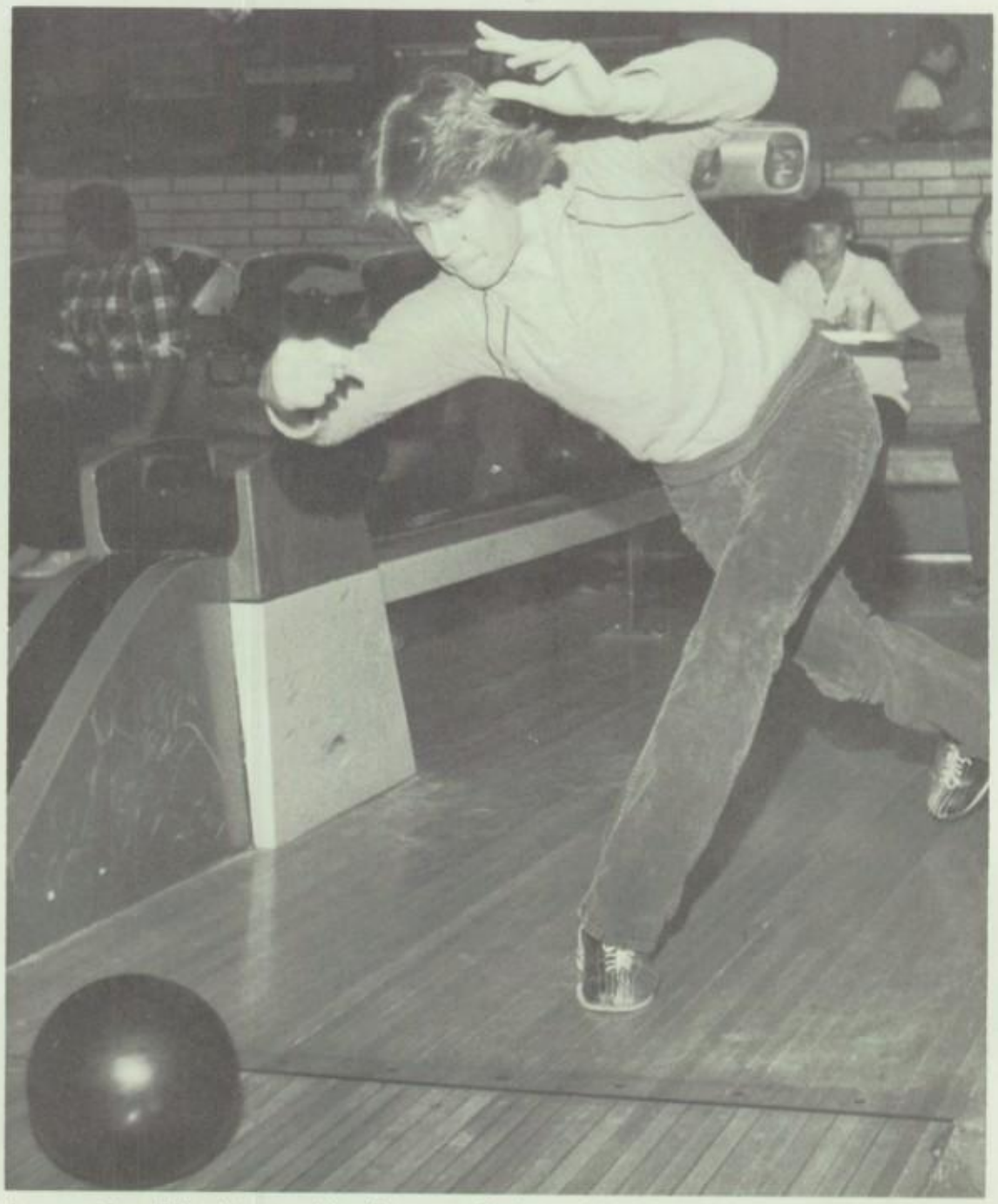
Frosh band member Bernard Scianna performs "Baby Face" at Soldier Field.

Bowling Scores With Freshmen

Daniel Garcia
William Gaudry
Miguel Gaytan
Thomas Gerloski

William Gardner
Ernest Gaydos
Ricardo Gaytan
William Gierhahn

Michael Garvey
Steven Gaydos
Edward Gerald
Christopher Gilhooly



As a member of the intramural bowling team, freshman John Grabowski releases his ball for an attempt at a strike. Intramural bowling, is held on Tuesdays at Marzullo's.

Chester Golab
Thomas Grzesiak

Hermann Gonzalez
Scott Grzybowski

Patrick Gorman
David Gumos

John Grabowski
Victor Gurrola

Claudio Gressano
Michael Gurtowski

John Gremer
Brian Gutt

Michael Grieger
Brian Habas

David Grybas
Harlan Hansbrough

Frosh Take Healthy Jump At Learning . . .

Robert Haugh
William Hawes
Thomas Healy
Kurt Heinz

Michael Havener
William Hayes
James Heeter
Charles Hensley

Kevin Salley jumps off a chair in Br. Charles' Health Class to accelerate his heart beat.

John Herlihy
James Hill

Robert Herling
Patrick Hill

Richard Hoblinski

David Hodo

Robert Hojnacki

Gerald Holder

Thomas Houlihan

John Hozzian

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. . . While Grasping Valuable Skills

Francis Iglinski
Andy Isztok
Robert Jahnke
Michael Janecko

Mike Montalvo then measures the pulse to see what effect exercise has on the heart.

John Inovskis
Jesse Izaguirre
John Jakubowski
Mark Jedry

Frederick Jellison
John Jurcev

Joseph Jenkins
James Kadela

James Jesse
Lawrence Kahne

Kestutis Jodwalis
Patrick Kehoe

Roberto Jones
Joseph Kelly

Victor Jonikas
Edward Kennedy

Robert Juarez
Jeffrey Kerney

Gerard Jungman
Lavoya Kerr

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Learning Reading Through Writing

James Keys
Mark Kominkiewicz
Bruce Kurdas

Dennis Kingsley
Edward Kowalski
Brian Kureja

Steven Kirwin
Edward Kowalsky
Anthony Kustec

Mark Klein
Ralph Kucharzewski
John Laboske

Joseph Knowski
Matthew Kucinski
Jesse Lamas

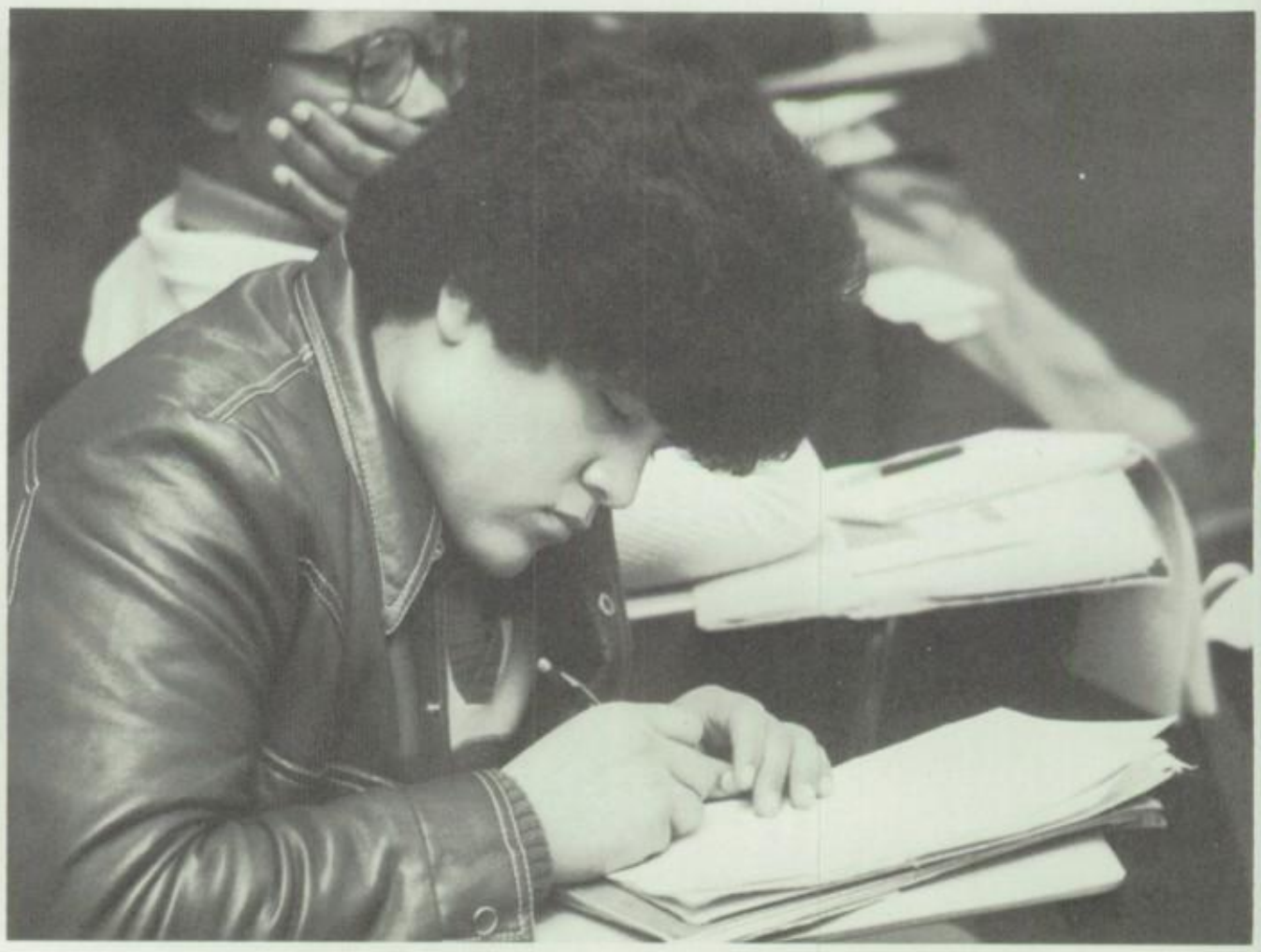
Joseph Kobiec
Robert Kudulis
Michael Lamping

Gerald Koch
Michael Kula
Oscar Landeros

Thomas Kodron
David Kupka
Laurence Laughli

John Lazowski
David Lee
Juan Lepe

Thomas Lederer
Jesus Lepe
Alan Letourneau



Jose Martinez finishes an exercise in sentence combining in Mr. Murawski's reading class.

Frosh Learn Need For Close Attention

Daniel Leyva
Thomas Lynch

Thomas Linchesky
James Maas

Jon Lopez
Joseph Madden

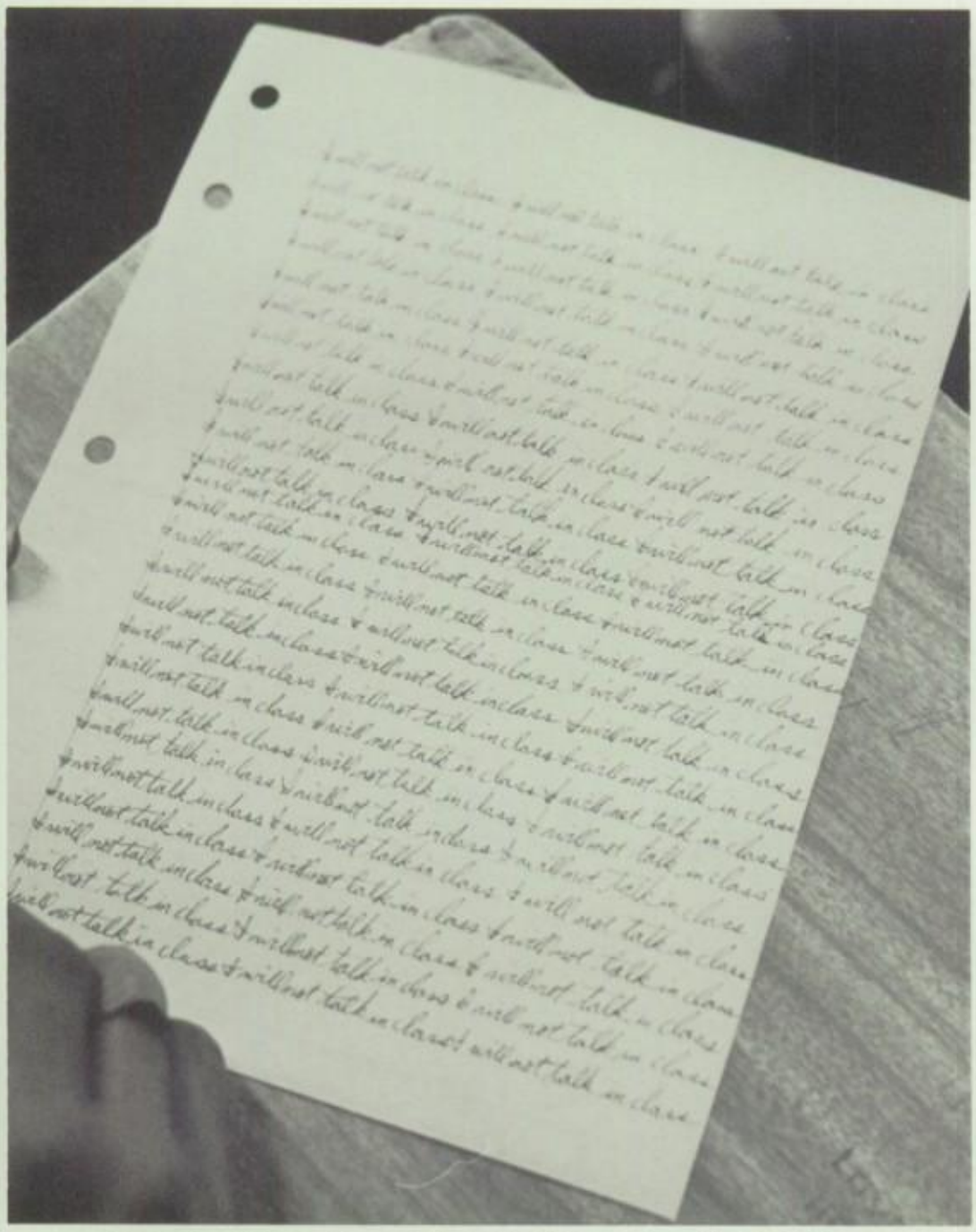
Martin Lopez
Charles Maes

Raymond Loranger
Florencto Maldonado

Jonathan Lorenz
David Malec

Raymond Lukas
William Manning

James Lyall
Xavier Marroquin



The end result for freshman students who fail to pay close attention in class.

Brian Martin
Sylvester Maryas
Darius Matonis
Andrew Mazurek

John Martin
Frank Mastalerz
Brian Maxwell
Patrick McAleese

Dean Martini
Richard Matkovich
Charles Maylee
Thomas McCarthy

Band Benefits From Frosh Support

Timothy McCauley Michael McClorey John McCluskey Dan McCormick

Freshman band members give boost to band quality.

David McDonald Billy McFarland John McGarry William McGrath
Michael McGreal Scott McLaughlin Edward McNicholas Kevin McVeagh
Peter Meizis Joseph Melcher Arthur Meyer Anthony Michala
Kenneth Michalowski Daniel Migas Thomas Mikrut Michael Miller

Scott Miller William Miller Cameron Mitchem Peter Mixan Alexander Mojica Alex Molina Mark Moneta Michael Montalv
Mitchell Moore David Morrell Robert Mroczek Ricardo Munoz Kent Munro Juan Murillo Timothy Murney George Murphy

Freshmen Give Edge To Team Sports

Gerard Murphy
John Nikitscher
Daniel O'Donnell

John Murphy
Daniel Nosek
James O'Donnell

Neil Murphy
Charles Novack
Joseph Okoskey

Martin Nagle
Andrew Nowak
Sherman Oliver

Michael Nash
Michael Nunez
Michael Olvera

James Navitsky
John Oblazny
Gilbert Orozco

James Nebelski
Daniel O'Brien
John Paciga

Brian Neville
Brian O'Donnell
Joel Panganiban

Freshman cross country runner Mark Baronowski edges a Fenwick opponent in the stretch run of the Catholic League Championship.

Richard Para
Paul Parizanski
David Parkerson

Coaches Support First Year Effort

Tom Schmidt shows the pain he encounters after giving 100% at the Catholic Championship cross country meet.

Robert Patron
Charles Payne
Arcadio Pedraza
Vincent Pellom

David Pavic
Tommy Payne
Rafael Pedraza
Felipe Perez

Jose Perez
James Polous

Jose Perez
Quintan Porter

Robert Perez
Freddy Portero

Thomas Petrauskas
Paul Potter

Matthew Petrich
James Power

William Pickert
Timothy
Prendergast

Joseph Pietrzak
George Preston

Richard Pizzo
Bradley Price

Frosh Intramurals — Spirited Contest

Juan Lepe hustles for the loose ball during a freshman intramural basketball game.

Ronald Pulham
Terence Quinn
Charles Rachal
James Rafinski

Jose Ramirez
Michael Ricci

Juan Rangel
Richard Risden

Gregory Rankel
Christopher Rizzi

John Rapsky
Frank Rizzo

Donald Rauhut
Kenrick Roberts

Elce Redmond
Michael Roberts

Kevin Regan
Jesse Rodriguez

Thomas Reyes
John Rodriguez

Class Comments — Essential To Learning

Michael Rodriguez
Jesue Roman
Juan Roman
Michael Ropa

Don Smith and Scott Miller concentrate on the structure of participle phrases.

James Rozhon
Keenan Salley

Robert Ruddy
Kevin Salley

Jose Ruiz
Allan Sam

Daniel Ryan
David Sanders

Rawzi Saad
Scott Scelfo

Gaspar Saenz
Stephen Schaller

Luis Salas
John Schmeltzer

Lorenzo Salinas
Thomas Schmidt

Developmental Reading Helps Freshmen

Thomas Schultz
John Sears
Mark Sheedy
John Shilney

Bernard Scianna
Paul Seelentag
Thomas Sheehan
Donald Sierzega

Kalvin Scott
James Shanahan
Kenneth Sherlock
Stan Silaus

The dictionary proves to be a useful tool to frosh developmental reading.

Peter Simkus
Donald Smith

Robert Singraber
Michael Smith

John Sink
Randall Smith

Derec Sisneros
Robert Smith

Michael Skiba
Barry Smolka

Ronald Skrip
Frank Smulkevicius

Edward Skrobo
Alfonso Soteno

Thomas Smikoski
Mike Special

Science Teacher, Students Interact

Robert Spontak
Timothy Sulikowski
Ronny Szykowny

Michael Stachowski
Patrick Sullivan
Craig Taylor

Michael Staudacher
Terrance Sullivan
Kenneth Taylor

Alonzo Stephenson
Keith Sumlar
Michael Taylor

Matthew Strama
Reynaldo Sustaita
Vincent Ternes

Christopher Stromidlo
Andrew Svabas
Kenton Terrell

Jose Suarez
Stephen Swanson
Paul Teska

David Sudzus
George Swies
Jack Thomaston

Mr. Cuci and Jim Hartmann discuss the results of an experiment performed in freshman modern physical science.

Weightroom Gives Phys. Ed. Added Lift

Paul Tonietto

Christopher Tonn

John Travnik

Robert Trevino

Kenneth Tulo

Thomas Turcich

Kenneth Turnage

ohn Tolley
ames Turner
Michael Urbanski

anuel Vacchiano
rk Vaitkus
niel Vallejo

Freshman athlete Ed Gannon fixes the weights for a challenging bench press meant to develop upper body strength.

Freshmen Display Strong School Spirit

Andres Valles
Paul Villalobos
Steven Washilewski

John Valtierra
Daniel Vohasek
John Wawro

Gary Vanek
Charles Vojcak
Dyron Webb

John Vasko
Andrew Wabi
Eric Whitaker

Bruce Vassall
James Wagner
Brian Wierenga

Samuel Vega
David Walkosz
Anthony Wietrzak

Mark Venegas
John Walsh
Jeffery Wilds

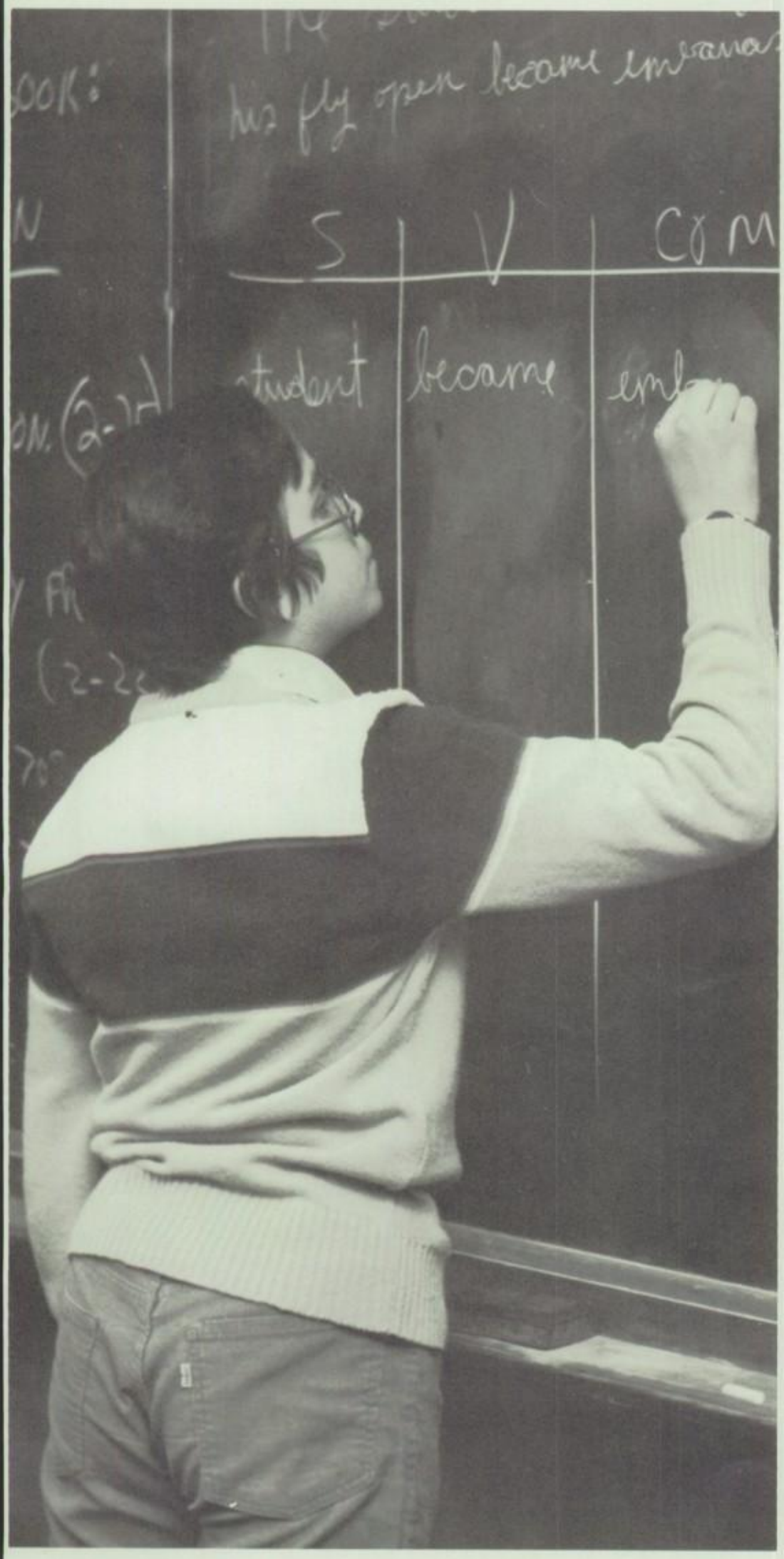
Michael Villa
Lafayette Ward
Robert Wilkosz

Freshmen show their spirit as they destroy the Laurence dummy at a Friday pep rally.

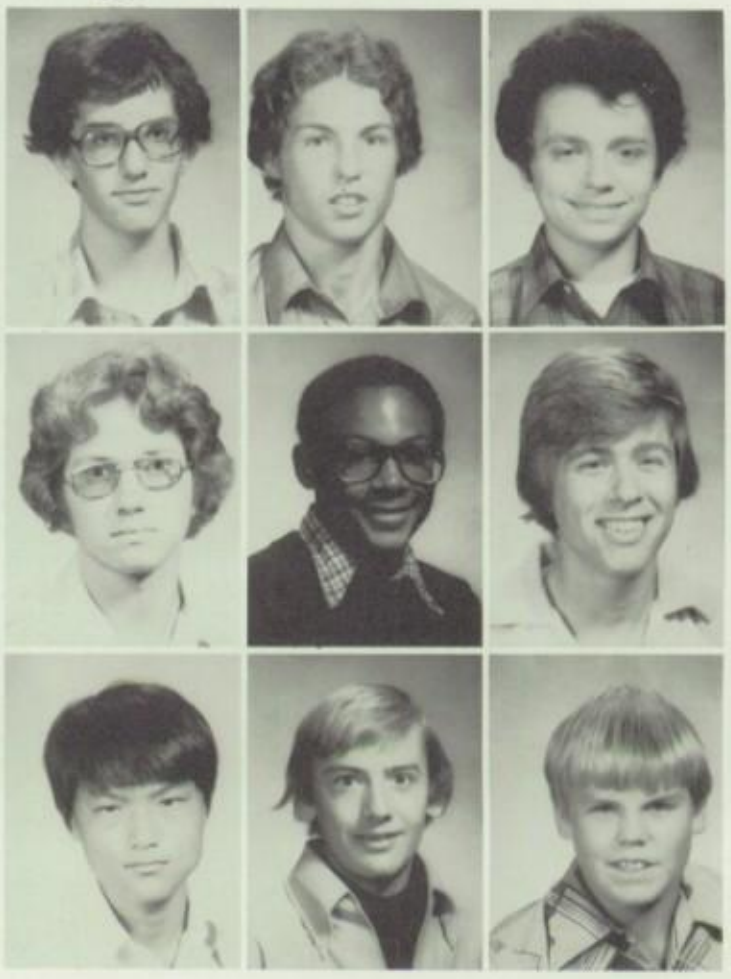
Robert Williams
Peter Wojda
Clayton Worlds

Michael Wilson
Richard Wonogas
Rudolph Worsech

Freshmen Learn Vital English Skills



Mike Wilson finds the predicate adjective in his English class.



Gregory Wozny
Nicholas Yanulis
In Sik Yun

Ronald Wright
Kurtis Young
Felix Zacaek

Eugene Wzorek
Steven Young
George Zadorozny

Luis Zambrano
John Zerdin
Michael Ziomek

John Zavala
Bryan Zilonis
David Zvirblis

David Zebig
Edward Zimecki
Richard Zygadlo

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Bradley Adas
James Black
Michael Bronzell

James Ahern
Robert Bobich
Terrence Brown

Michael Amesquita
Rosario Bongiovanni
Donald Brzozowski

Donald Anderson
Anthony Boyd
Joseph Bucz

Terry Beiriger
Michael Bragen
Mark Budziak

Mark Bernal
Louis Bragiel
Mark Buford

Edward Bischoff
Steven Brazzale
Scott Burger

Robert Bischoff
Alan Broniewicz
John Burke

Sophomores Make Use Of Chem Lab

Michael Burke
Mark Carlson
James Chapman

Christopher Burns
Thomas Carney
Jack Chavez

Michael Bylak
Jesus Casas
Athanasios Chronakos

Bob Bischoff and Bill Kowaleski use the burettes in the chem lab to determine the acidity of an unknown substance. The lab work re-enforces knowledge gained from lectures and text readings.

John Ciszewski
David Cronin
Scott Dittmann

John Claffey
Jesus Davalos
David Dix

Stephen Collins
Thomas Davenport
Richard Dominguez

William Connors
Gerald Delk
Edward Dooley

Michael Conroy
Roberto Delossantos
John Drish

Daniel Corcoran
John Derosa
John Duda

Enrique Corral
Patrick Dever
Gary Duncan

Timothy Cosgrove
Robert Diazdeleon
John Dyszczakowski

Sophomores Gain Knowledge From Lab

Joseph Ellis
Gilbert Flores
Alfonso Galan

Brian Erickson
Jose Flores
Luis Galvan

David Escobedo
Ralph Florio
Alfonso Gamboa

Kenneth Falat
Michael Flynn
Francisco Garate

Raul Farias
Kenneth Foreman
Anthony Garcia

Scott Filar
Philip Fortier
Alejandro Gaytan

Robert Fitzgerald
Ronald Francis
Timothy Gerich

Thomas Flaherty
Henry Frankiewi
Richard Giancarl

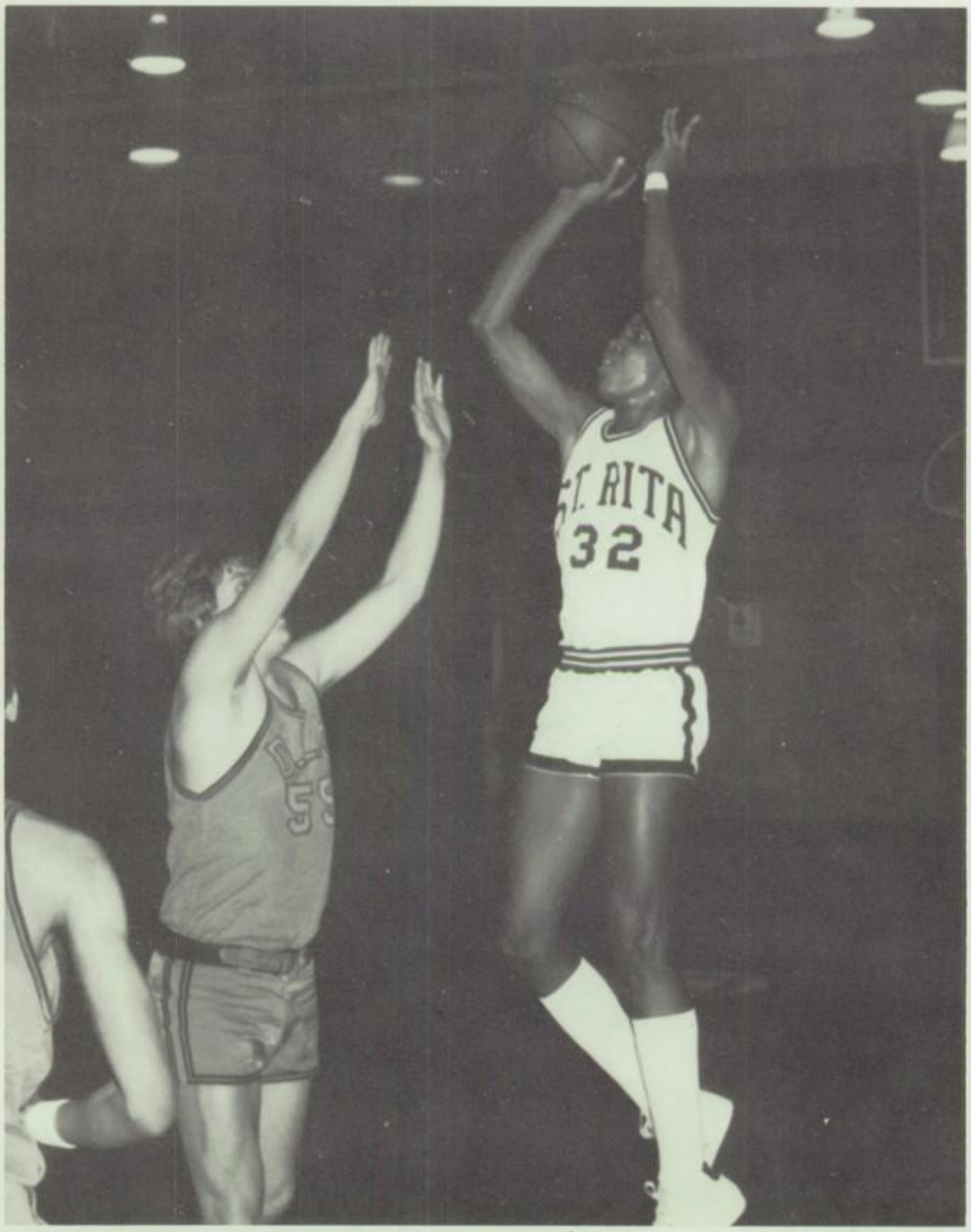
Jim Gorman, Ted Kerrigan, and their lab partners examine the newest challenge in biology lab — the fetal pig.

Walter Goc
George Gonzalez
Ricardo Gonzalez

Soph Participation Rouses Team

James Gorman
David Graczyk
Michael Grantz
Richard Gunn

Allen Gorski
Raymond Gralak
Brandon Grode
Keith Gushi



Frosh-soph team member Darryl Voltz goes up for a jump shot at a home game against the DeLaSalle Meteors. The team went on to finish fourth in the Catholic League.

Raymond Hall
Thomas Hayes

Felix Hanson
Thomas Herbst

Joel Hernandez

Dave Hoff

Rodney Horton

John Houlihan

Michael Hranicka

Roger Hudec

Religious Service Helps 2nd Year Men

Philip Hultquist | Mark Ickes | Joseph Inovskis | Marvin Irby | Victor Isais | Miguel Izaguirre | Leonard Jagielski | Joseph Janczy

A group of sophomores line up while Mr. Stobba administers ashes at one of the many religious services that were held in the gym this year.

Michael Jeracki
Joseph Kazanecki

Craig Johnson
John Keating

Antanas Jonikas
David Keefner

David Kairis
Kenneth Keim

Kevin Kaiser
Thomas Kendra

Robert Kanka
Theodore Kerrigan

Roger Kasper
John Kerulis

Joseph Kastelic
Daniel Kienzle

Soph Activities Sparked By Phaedor

The Sophomore Class sponsored the battle of four bands including musicians Dan Curran and Mike McGrath of Phaedor.

Craig Kleefisch
David Knowski
John Koch

Matthew Konieczka

Mark Kostro

Thaddeus Kowalski

Edward Kozak

Theodore Koziol

Anthony Krokos

Gary Krol

Francis Kondorf
Edward Konecki
Edmund Kurley

Active School Day For 2nd Year Men

Sophomore hallguard John Shrader rushes to his locker before assuming his hallguard responsibilities on the first floor of Egan. From the looks of John's locker, he could use a little more room to comfortably fit all his St. Rita belongings.

John Labiak
Thomas Langlois
Daniel Larkin
William Lebeau

Paul Lacny
Mark Lapen
Richard Laszkiewicz
Michael Leyden

John Loftus
Anthony Maita

Joseph Lomoro
John Malanowski

James Luecht
Robert Manrique

Nicholas Lukasik
Steven Marciano

Cornelious Lynch
Steven Marion

Timothy Macijunas
James Marks

Joseph Maestre
Michael Marozas

Matthew Magallanes
Edward Martin

Soph Biology Knowledge Increased

e Martinez
McClendon
tthew McCurrie

Oscar Mascorro
Robert McCluskey
Stephen McGee

Steven Matteo
Thomas
McCormick
Lamar McGhee

Tim O'Connor and Jim Marks perform a biology dissection.

atthew McGrail
nathan Meske
hn Mooncotch

Michael McGriff
Thomas Mezera
Robert Moore

David McGuire
Donald Mitchell
Juan Mora

Zenon McHugh
Martin Molina
John Morrell

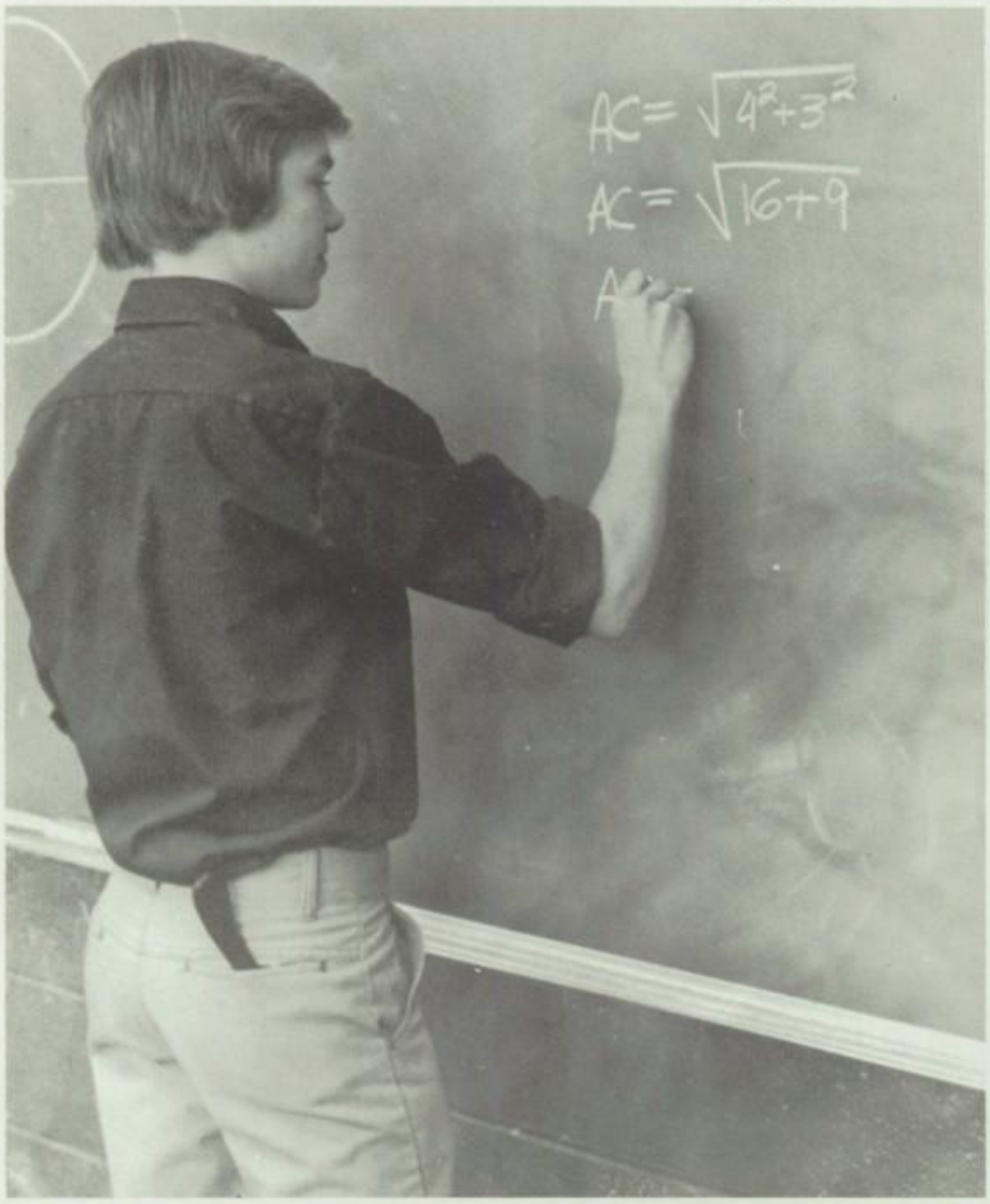
Bryan McInerney
Anthony Monahan
Donald Morrissey

Robert Meifert
David Monday
Christopher
Mourlas

Robert Melcher
Alberto Monjarro
Christopher
Moxley

Joaquin Mendoza
Patrick Moonan
Michael Mroz

Sophomores Explore Square Roots



Sophomore honor student Mike McGriff performs some board work on square roots in his geometry class. Most sophomore honor students go on to take a full four years of math in preparation for college work.

William Mulchrone
Christopher Murray
David Nusko
Thomas O'Dowd

Edward Murphy
Richard Nedza
David Obrzut
Daniel O'Leary

Roger Murphy
Matthew Nolan
Timothy O'Connor
John O'Leary

Timothy O'Neill
Michael Parker

Fernando Ortiz
William Parrilli

Glenn Oskvarek
Kenneth Partyka

Jose Otero
John Pellegrini

Darren Pajak
Richard Peters

Dennis Paluch
David Petit

Richard Panek
Michael Petrosius

Martin Parello
James Piccirillo

Sophs Research Facts, Define Terms

Jeffrey Pietryk
Steven Podder
James Porcelli
Jerry Plant
Daniel Pokrajac
Mark Porlier

For David Knowski research means defining terms for his sophomore history class.

Jeffrey Porter
Luis Ramirez
John Riordan

Thomas Porter
Mark Raymond
Ronald Risden

John Preisser
Andrew Regets
Jaime Rivera

Charles Price
John Resendiz
Jeffrey Rizzi

Frank Przytula
John Rezny
Robert Robenalt

Michael Putlak
Francisco Rico
John Roberts

Anthony Quattrocchi
Michael Rimkus
Daniel Rodriguez

Vincent Quinn
Hector Riojas
George Rodriguez

Sophomores Strengthened In Workouts

Arturo Roman
Edgard Salomon
William Segerstrom
Daniel Sikora

Ray Rosania
Jose Sanchez
Pablo Segura
Michael Singer

John Rough
Robert Schaeflein
Timothy Sekirka
Michael Sivak

Randal Rzasa
Ronald Scherff
Silvester Seledon
Frank Skrip

Peter Sabadosa
John Schmidt
Robert Sherbaty
John Skudnig

Joseph Sabatino
George Schuetter
Brian Shortall
James Slivka

Hector Saenz
Anthony Scialabba
John Shrader
John Snyder

David Sakalys
John Scott
Michael Sikler
Rey Soberano

Mike Winchel strengthens his neck muscles in a weightroom workout.

Marco Soriano
Daniel Stoll

Antonio Soto
John Stone

James Specha
Gary Sumita

Gary Stanek
Daryl Sumlar

Soph Honors Sharpens Science Skills

Robert Scidron
Jorge Tamez

William Swidergal
Scott Taylor

Stanley Szaflarski
Edward Toomey

Robert Szarzenski
Matthey Trofimuk

Sophomore honor students Jeff Porter and Tom O'Dowd take some intricate measurements in their chemistry class experiment.

Chris Tucci
Henry Velazquez
Ronald Weissenhofer
Robert Wyrick

John Tucker
Antonio Velez
John Wenzel
Michael Yost

Steve Tyliszczak
Luis Villarreal
Michael Wielgat
Richard Young

Michael Tyzenhaus
Carlos Viramontes
Christopher Wiencek
Joseph Zapotoczny

Richard Vallez
Darryl Voltz
James Willson
Steven Zawacki

Jose Vega
James Walsh
Michael Winchel
John Zawaski

Jose Vela
Steven Waranauskas
Patrick Winters
James Zilligen

Fernando Velazquez
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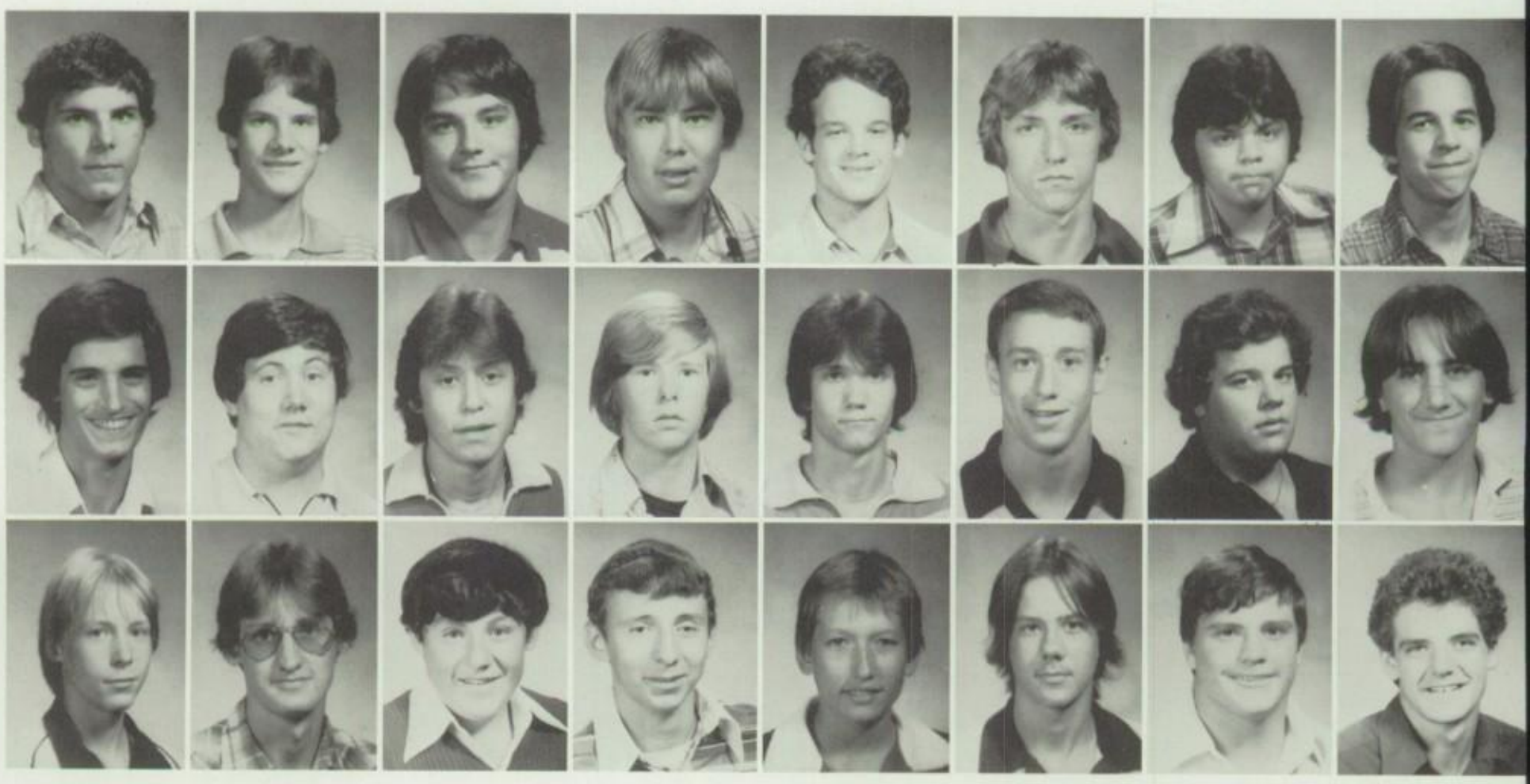


Daniel Ahmer
James Ariel
Mark Bekin

John Alfich
Henry Arp
Wes Benak

Martin Allen
William Avila
John Bendik

Edward Alm
Ronald Bailey
John Bendik

Michael Anderson
Christopher Barnett
Michael Bielon

John Anson
Jeffrey Barry
John Bolton

David Arellano
Christopher Barzydlo
William Bonk

Ronald Arellano
Mark Bayers
Chris Brazill

Lounge Provides Junior Recreation

obert Brazzale
obert Bucki
Michael Carbonara
Richard Brodecki
Richard Budzik
Sean Carmody
Namon Brown
Michael Byrne
John Carrizales
Steven Brundage
David Cantu
Robert Carroll

Mark Larsen and Mike Fitzpatrick try their hand at a game of foosball in the student lounge. The lounge is open to upperclassmen and houses the SBS, pinball games, and several vending machines.

uan Castro
Raymond Clemens
Frank Cosentino
Daniel Cepek
Mark Clemmons
Kevin Coughlin
Daniel Cereceres
Steven Coe
John Cranley
Mark Cetera
Martin Coleman
Philip Cunningham
James Cholke
Mario Contreras
Daniel Curran
John Cichy
Michael Cooney
Richard Cwik
Carey Ciesielczyk
Kevin Copps
Lawrence Cyz
Joseph Cius
James Corbett
Walter Dabrowski

3rd Year Men Merit Drafting Skills . . .

Lawrence Dadam
Arthur Dominguez

John Danaher
Nicholas Dopuch

Mark Dantone
Thomas Doyle

David Daudell
George Dvorak

David Dausinas
Joseph Dyszczakowski

Agustin Davalos
John Egan

Thomas Delorto
William Erkelens

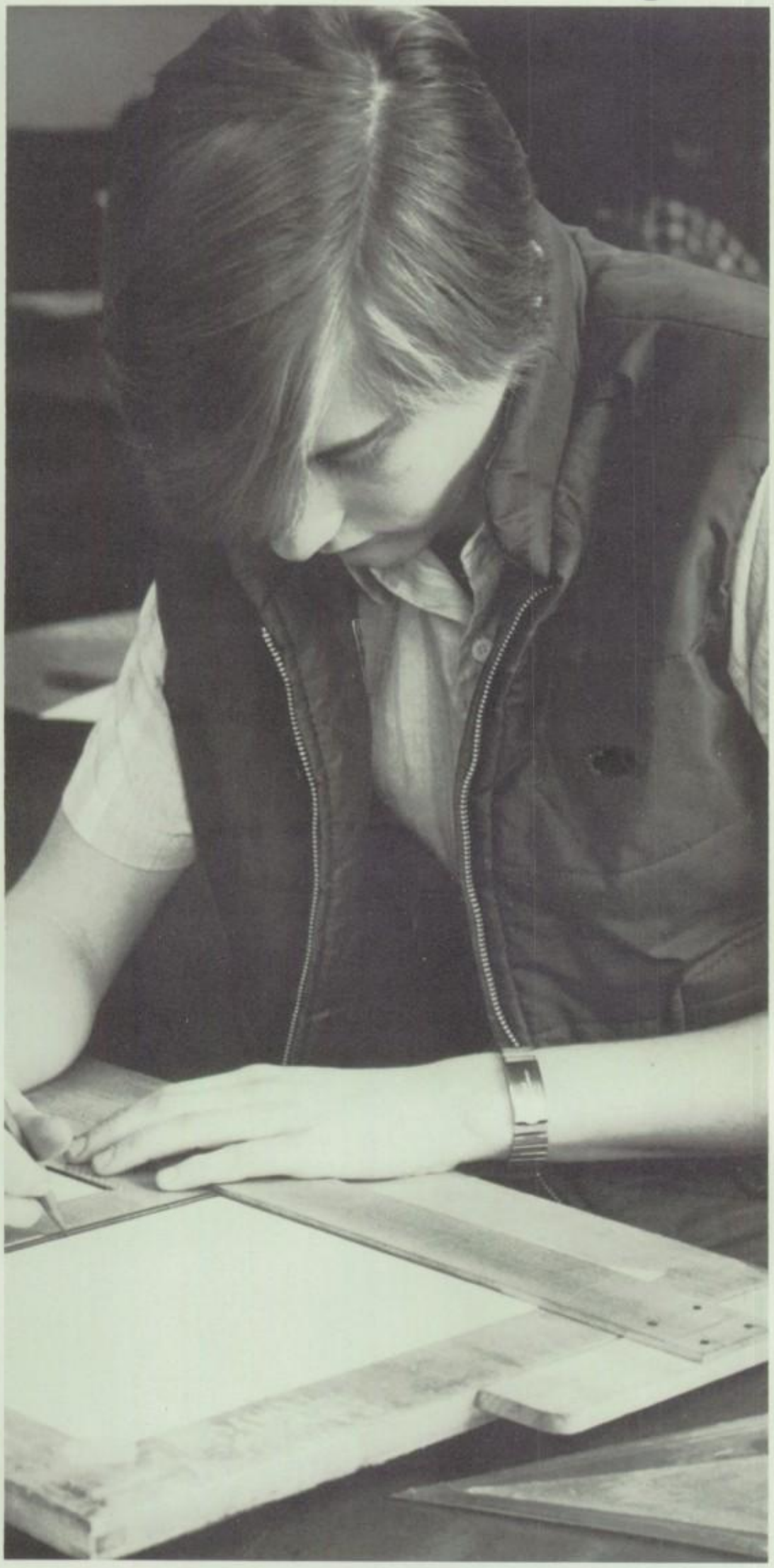
James Devlin
Michael Fairma

Bernard Mlodzinski puts the final touches on his last plate of the first semester as Tim McIntyre looks on in Mr. Dodge's sixth period drafting class. Students who take drafting are required to draw twelve plates each quarter in addition to a "cover" plate as part of the semester final exams.

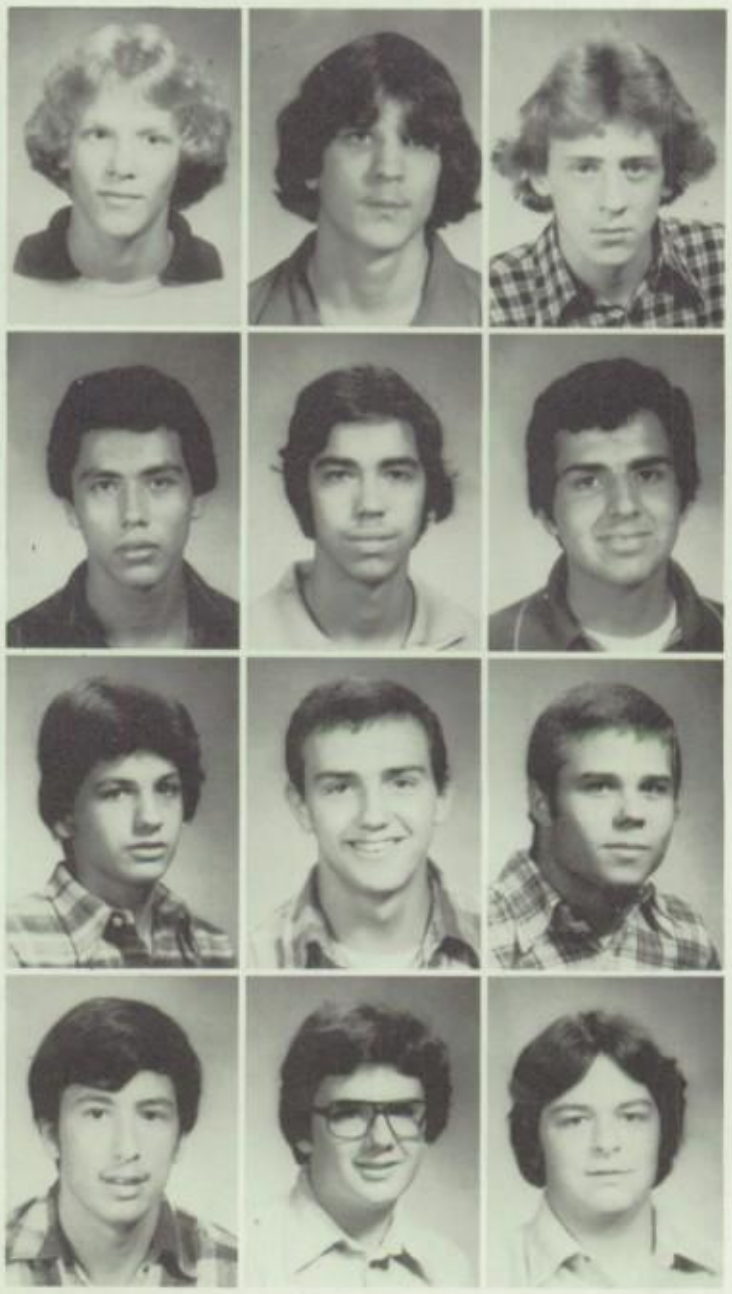
James Fee
Timothy Fitzgerald
Paul Francour
Matthew Gallik

Brian Finnegan
Michael Fitzpatric
Jose Fuentes
Bryan Galvan

. . . While Utilizing Necessary Tools



Dan Dec uses a T-square and ruler — tools vital to good drafting technique.



Lawrence Gasper
Felipe Gomez
Louis Gonzalez
Richard Gossett

David Golab
Armando Gonzalez
George Gorman
Mark Graczyk

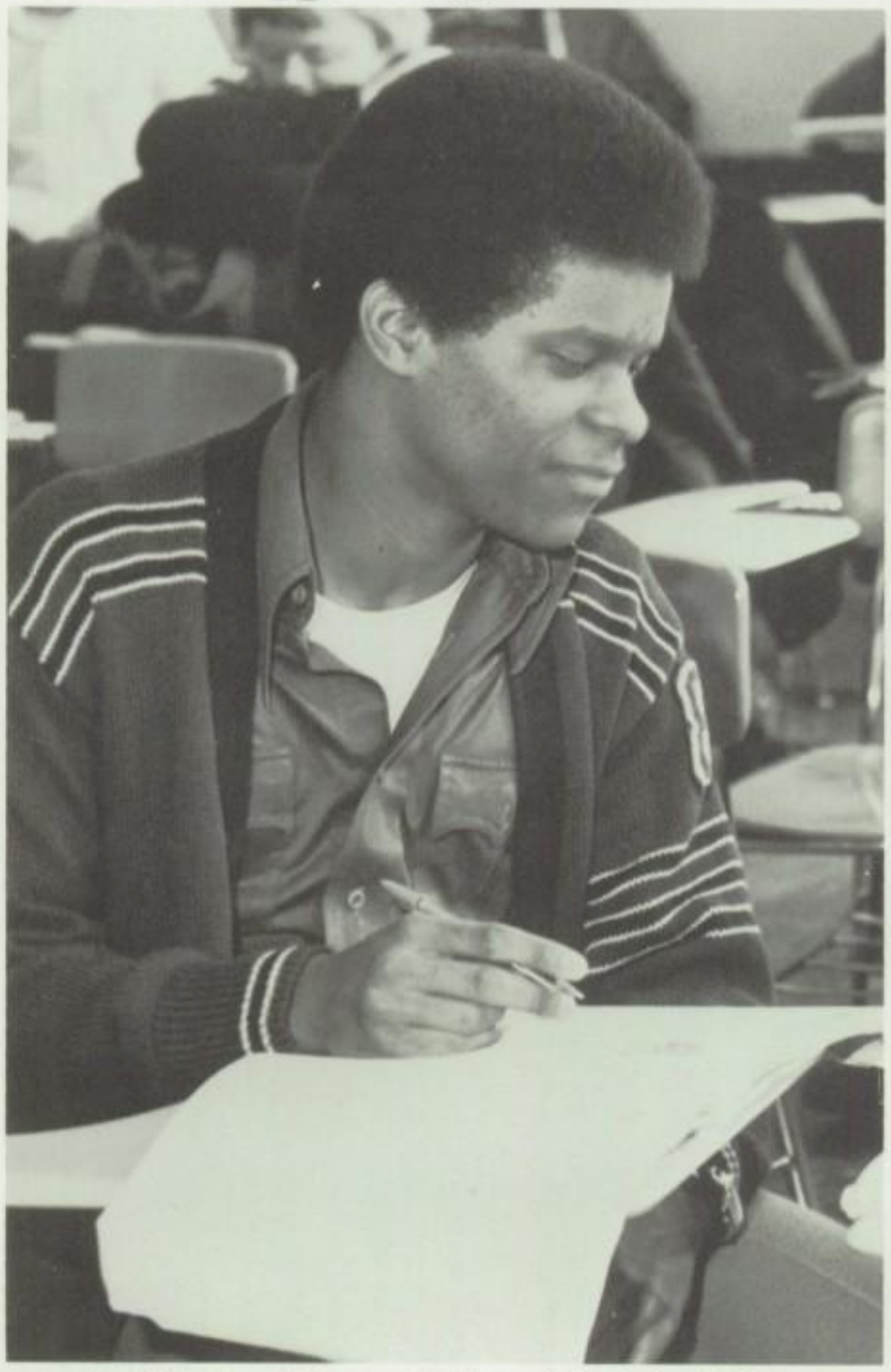
Frank Golen
Juan Gonzalez
Joseph Gorman
Steven Grzenia

Carl Guzzy
Kenneth Hansen

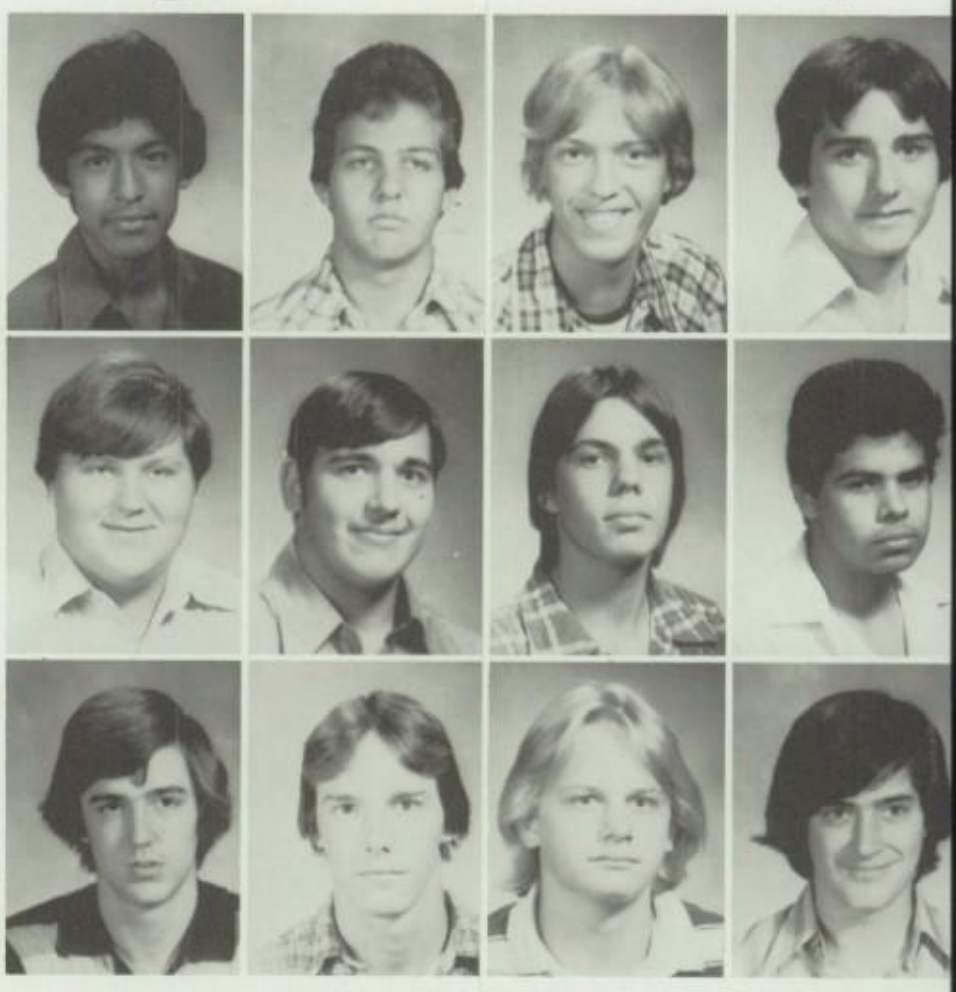
Thomas Hackett
Steven Heimberg

Thomas Halm
Daniel Hernandez

Language Increases English Vocabulary



Len Richardson thinks of an English translation in Spanish class.

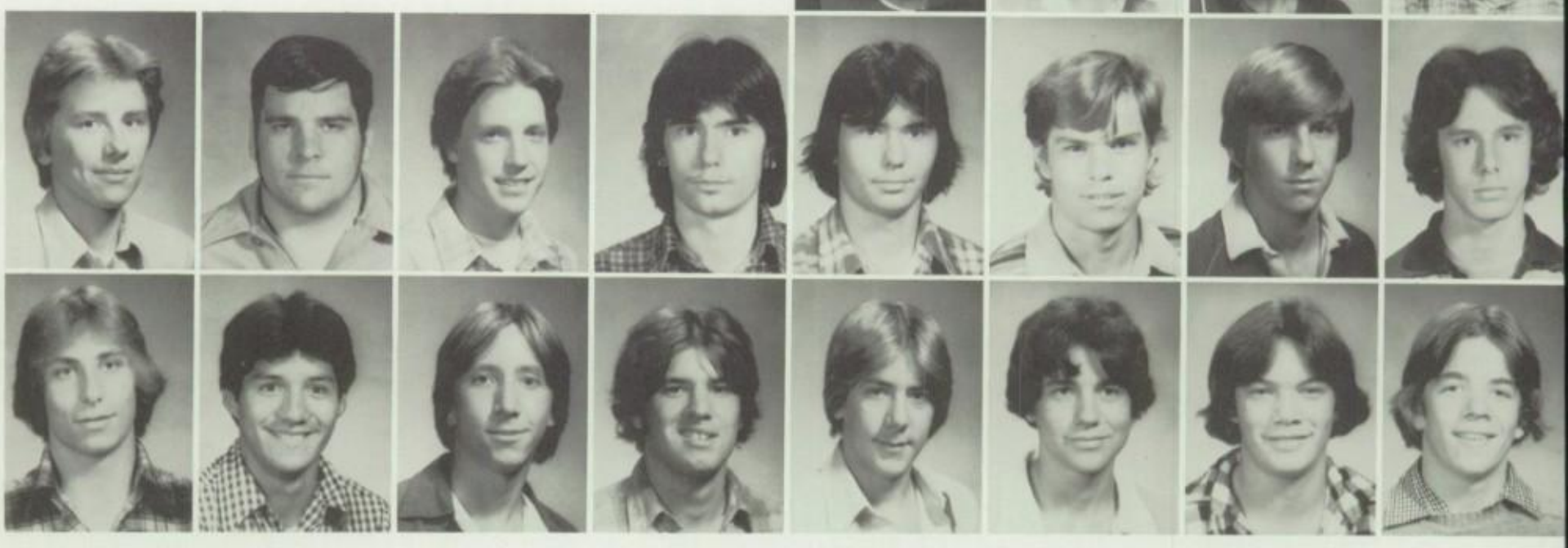


Israel Hernandez
Joseph Hyzny
John Jurcenko

William Herr
Mark Jelinek
Matthew Kahne

Frank Horvat
Kenneth Johnson
William Kazanecki

Raymond Hughes
Ramon Jones
Michael Kenny



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James Kowaleski

Thomas Knoebel
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Nicholas Knowski
Francis Kuchta

Donald Kocian
Robert Kudia

Kelvin Kershaw
Ronald Kocian
Brett Labelle

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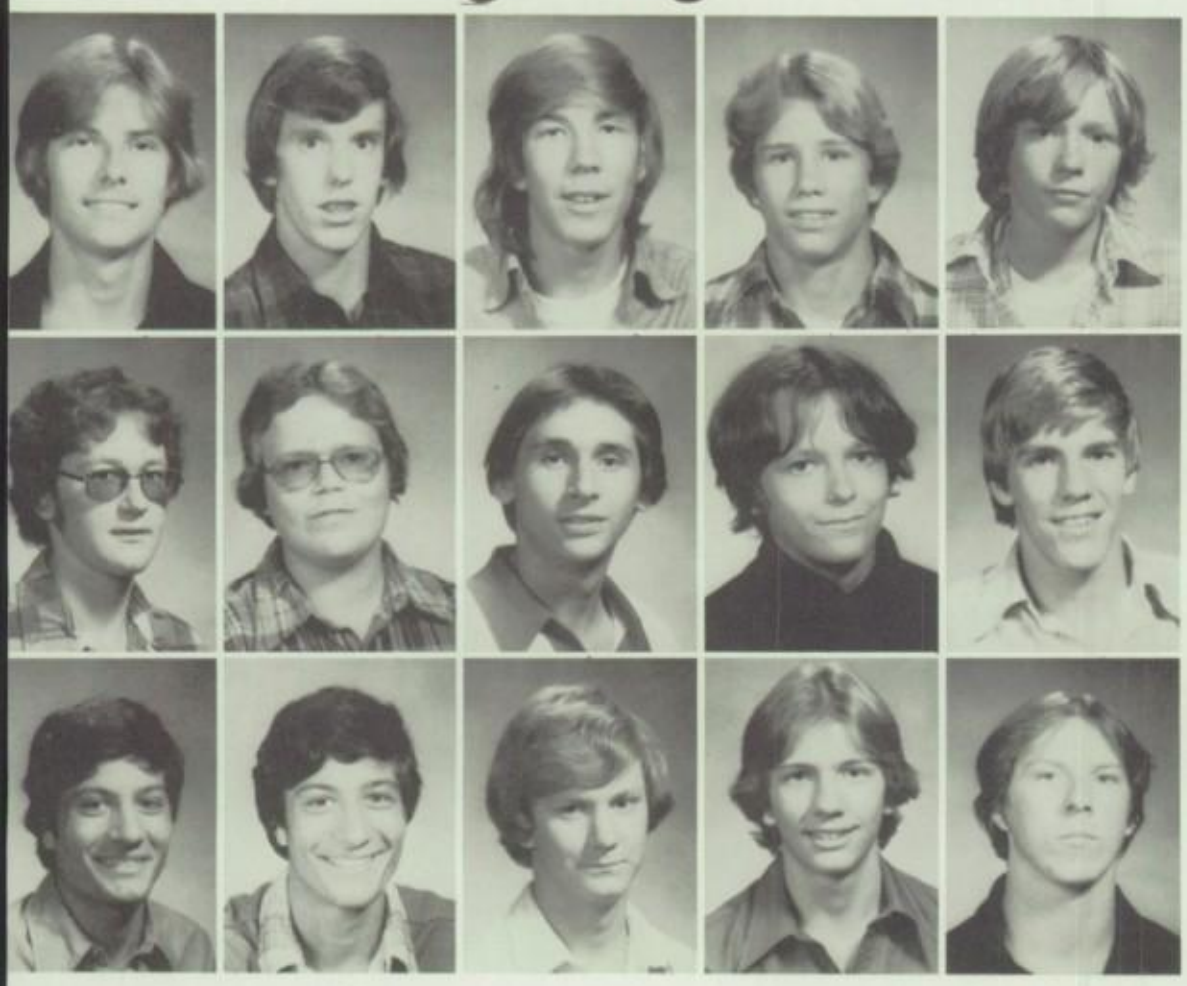


Linas Laurusonis
John Leyden
Michael Lovergine

Edward Lawson
Kenneth Lilja
Paschal Lovergine

Daniel Lech
Wallace Lockard
William Luecht

Timothy Lee
Kurt Lorenz
John Lulek

John Leonard
Daniel Louis
David Madlener

K of A members Bill Luecht, John Nichols, and Mario Contreras help celebrate the Ash Wednesday Service. As members of the K of A they help organize all such services and belong to the Third Order of St. Augustine.

Joseph Martinez
Raymond McInerney
Bernard Mlodzinski

Linas Matonis
Timothy McIntyre
Albert Mojica

Paul Mazur
Farrell McNulty
Demetrious Mosley

John McAuliffe
Lawrence McPhillips
Robert Murphy

Mark McGinnis
Michael Medina
Abdul Nasir

Kevin McGoldrick
Michael Meister
Robert Nawrocki

Steven McGowan
Mark Mendoza
Philip Nevins

Michael McGrath
Edward Miller
John Nichols

Juniors Gain Computer Knowledge

Mike Byrne waits for his program to run through the computer in Br. Joe's fifth period data class. Students who take data learn how to write programs in FORTRAN, a computer language, and are introduced to keypunch and the basics of computer operation.

David Niewiedzial
Michael O'Brien
James O'Donnell
Matthew Paluch

Dennis Nolan
Herbert O'Connor
Frank O'Sullivan
Arlington Panganiban

Brian Novak
Joseph O'Conno
John Palac
Zbigniew Pas

David Paskvan
Gerald Potemta

James Pellegrini
David Power

Michael Perna
Mark Pripusich

Anthony Petrauskas
Anthony Quinn

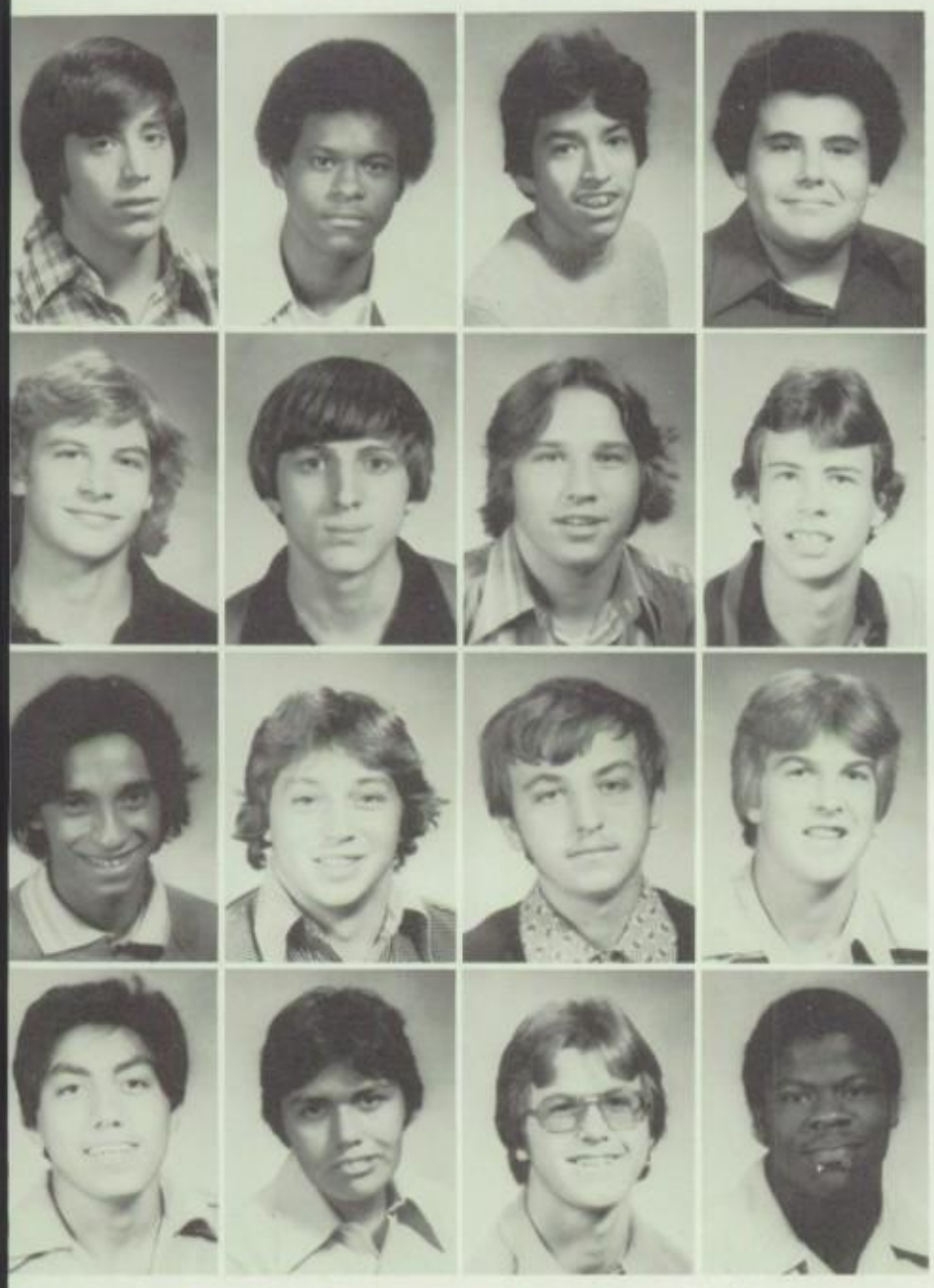
Raymond Petrocelli
Raymond Ramirez

Leo Point
Joseph Raphael

Joseph Polys
Kevin Rapsky

George Porter
Michael Rea

Juniors Whiz Through Assignments



Kenneth Rice
Anthony Rusch
Nicholas Sarabia
David Serritos

Lendell Richardson
Kevin Russell
Eugene Satka
Frank Serritos

Robert Rodriguez
Steven Ryniec
Michael Scianna
John Sheehan

Stephen Roti
Brian Rzepka
Michael Sears
Keith Shelly

Tom Doyle uses his quick speed in typing to finish a term paper.

Daniel Sheridan
John Sopron

Joseph Signorelli
Eric Sorn

Dudley Sims
Gregory Stepanek

James Sink
Robert Stryczek

Patrick Slattery
Stephen Supa

Michael Smith
Rudolph Surach

Linas Smulkstys
Robert Synal

Michael Sobun
Stanley Szeremeta

Advanced Language Studies Lit, Culture

Thomas Tague
Alberto Torres

Tony Tan
Gregory Ulbricht

Joseph Tandyk
Joseph Urchak

Donn Taylor
David Valcich

John Tebbens
Mario Vasquez

Ralph Thompson
Mario Vassalla
Scott Vieu

Peter Tinoco
James Vegetabile
Linas Viscius

Shawn Toomey
Paul Vera
Steven Wardins

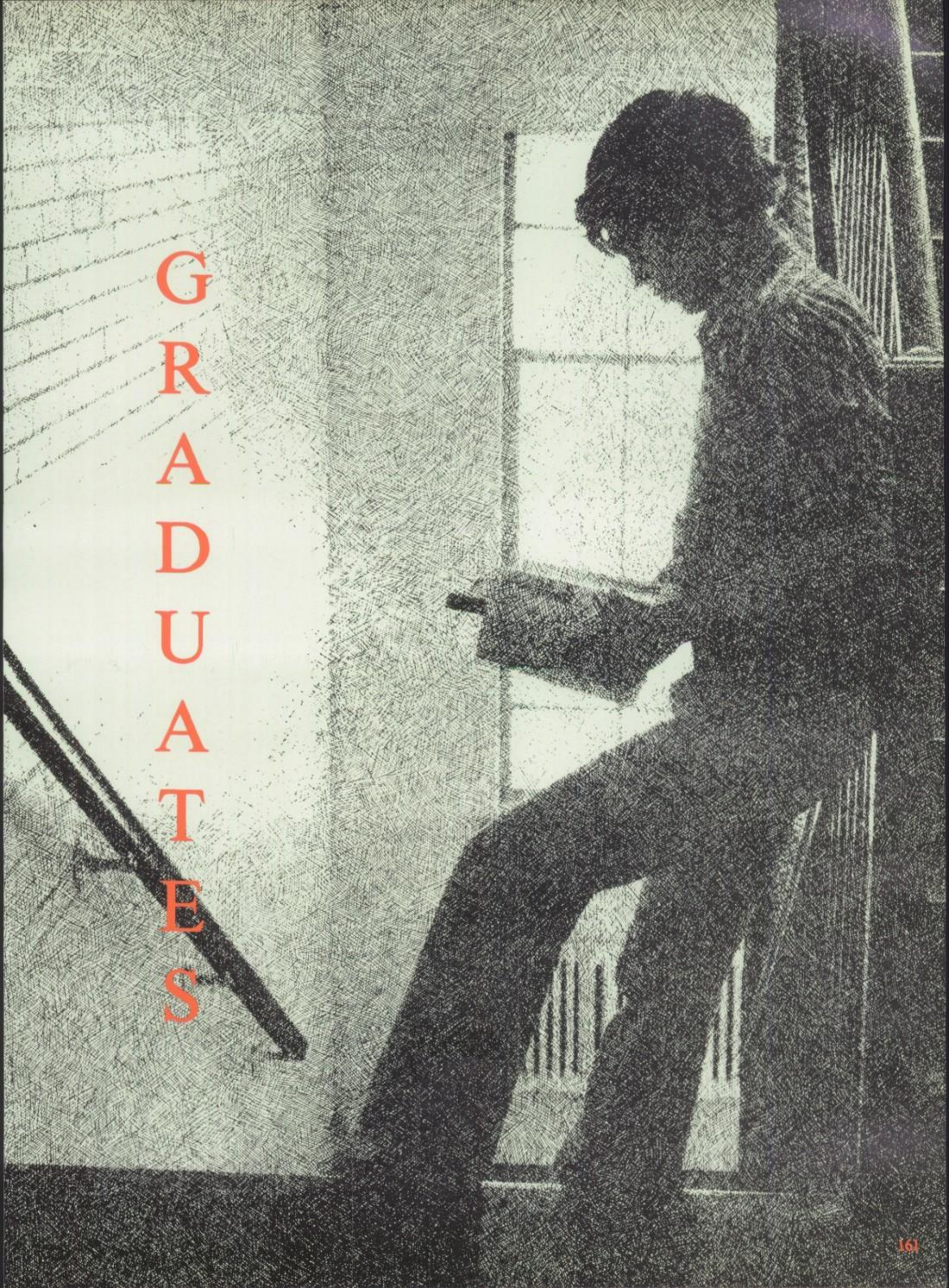
Bob Stryczek uses the library to study for a Spanish test. Advanced Spanish classes read major works of prose, poetry, and short stories by Latin American authors and then analyze the works and their significance to the culture.

Harrison White
Levoyd Wilson
Paul Zalnerunas

Michael White
David Wonogas
Edmund Zilinskas

Harry Wilson
Frederick Zabil
Stephan Zuwala

GRADUATES



Class of '80: Lasting Contribution

The St. Rita Class of 1980 had much to be proud of on graduation day, May 26, 1980. The 250 seniors had performed well over their four years at the school in academics, sports, and activities, and the mark they left on St. Rita will be felt for a long time to come.

The class contained twenty-six Illinois State Scholars — in order to qualify as a scholar a student must score a minimum of 24 on the A.C.T. exam and hold a high class rank.Those honor students that had taken the Advanced Placement Examination for college credit continued the Rita tradition of leading the state and nation by producing excellent results. In the past the exam has ranked Rita among the top five schools in the state and the top one hundred throughout the country. And once again, approximately 75% of the Class of '80 decided to continue their education after high school.

The athletes in the class produced a football team that was rated third in the state throughout the season, a basketball team that won the Rockford Thanksgiving Classic, and a hockey team that finished third in the state's AA playoffs. The baseball team relied heavily on senior leadership to finish strong in Catholic League competition. Senior cross country members helped produce a team that was among the top fifty teams in the state, and senior members of our new sports, tennis and golf, made the first efforts toward producing a winning tradition.

In his first year as St. Rita Principal, Fr. David Brecht commented, "I was most favorably impressed by the leadership and determination of the Class of 1980. They managed to perform very well academically, and at the same time they did a great deal to add to the quality of life at the school. I wish them all very happy and productive futures. They certainly deserve the best."

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: (1) George Mach, quarterback of '79 Mustangs, accepts the trophy for Student Athlete of the Year with his family; (2) Bob Fishback solos "Over The Rainbow" at Soldier Field for Rita's homecoming game; (3) Homecoming hopefuls and their dates strike a pose before the annual parade; (4) Mr. Dodge shows Ted Francis some of the finer points of Architectural Drafting during his second period class; (5) Mike Salvador chalks up another pinball victory over Jerry Vohasek in the Student Lounge; (6) Ritan editor, Vit Briedis, is happy to see that his record review from a past issue of the newspaper was voted one of the best articles of that issue by Ritan readers.

4th Year Men Leave With Academic Honors

Jose Alvarez
John Amodei
Stephen Anderson
Dennis Arrigo

Thomas Arundel
Mark Bacarella
William Bailey
Bill Baker

Edward Barrett
John Battistoni
James Berk
Keith Berls

David Bernard
Vitas Briedis

James Bischoff
Sean Bronzell

Mark Bobek
Kevin Burke

Brian Bonnett
Daniel Calderone

David Botica
Gregory Camerino

Grads Look Back to Rita With Pride

James Carney
Hector Carranza
Paul Cartee
Eric Chavez

Antonio Chiappetta
Arthur Cholly
John Chruscinski
Thomas Coffey

Daniel Coleman
Robert Conners
John Cooney
Jim Coronado

Steven Cosgrove
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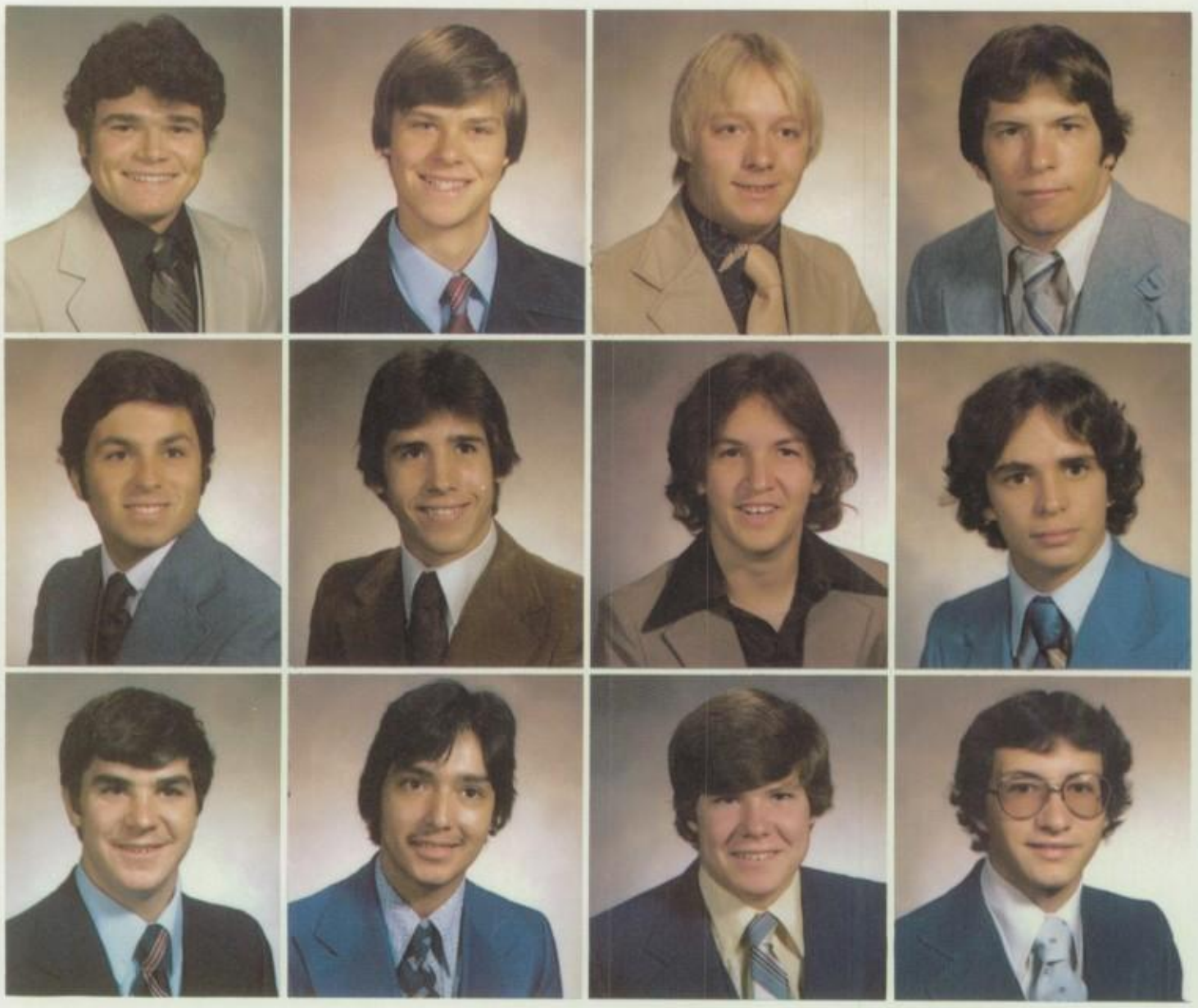
Michael Davoren
Richard Dix

Marco Delgado
George Dominiak

Seniors Determine Collegiate Goals



James Donohue
Joseph Doweiko
Michael Dubrock
Edward Duffy

Matthew Dwyer
Thomas Dybas
Richard Dziallo
Michael Eden

Frank Eschbach
Sergio Escobedo
Malachy Feeley
Joseph Felonk

Joel Finlon
Martin Gallagher

Robert Fishback
Jeffrey Garla

Gary Fortier
Ronald Gatto

Theodore Francis
James Gavin

Robert Fuentes
Arthur Gazda

Grads Interested in Career Lectures

John Gemmellaro
Rolando Gonzalez
Paul Gorski
Timothy Gronkowski

Daniel Gumienny
Robert Hayes
Frank Haynes
Edward Healy

Thomas Heller
Guillermo Hernandez
Rayard Herron
Francis Hickey

Jeffrey Hollander
Michael Jackson

Patrick Houlihan
David Jatczak

Robert Hubbard
Gregory Jeracki

James Huddleston
Leonas Jonikas

Michael Ivanauskas
Richard Justich

Seniors Take Lead in Student Government

Frank Kampwirth
William Kirkolis

Steven Kardas
Terrence Knight

Patrick Kenny
Christopher Knowski

Terrance Kenny
Thomas Koch

Michael Kevin
Eugene Kochniarczyk

Daniel Koetzle
Steven Kordelewski
Michael Kozak
James Kress

Ken Kruszynski
Michael Kubiak
Robert Kucinski
Michael Kutkowski

Michael Laird
Mark Larson
Kenneth Leifker
Joseph Lichay

Varsity Athletes Produce Winning Season

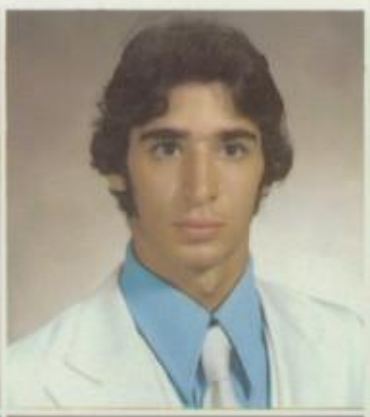
James Lick
Michael Macuga

Vytautas Liskunas
Daniel Marciano

James Lonergan
Mark Marion

Randy Maca
Vytenis Markevicius

George Mach
Jeffery Martin



William Maurer
John McAleese
John McCormack
Martin McCormack

Kevin McCormick
Michael McCurrie
Charles McDermott
Clifford McGrail

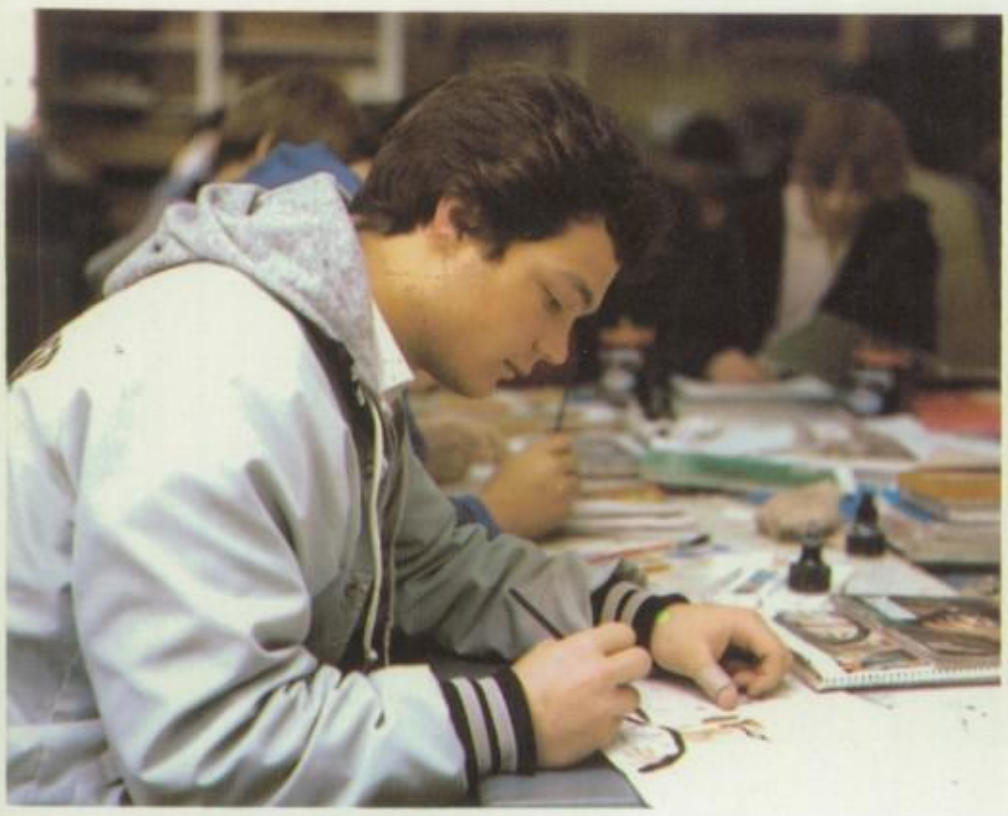
Michael McNicholas
Francisco Mendoza
Norman Meske
Anthony Mestan

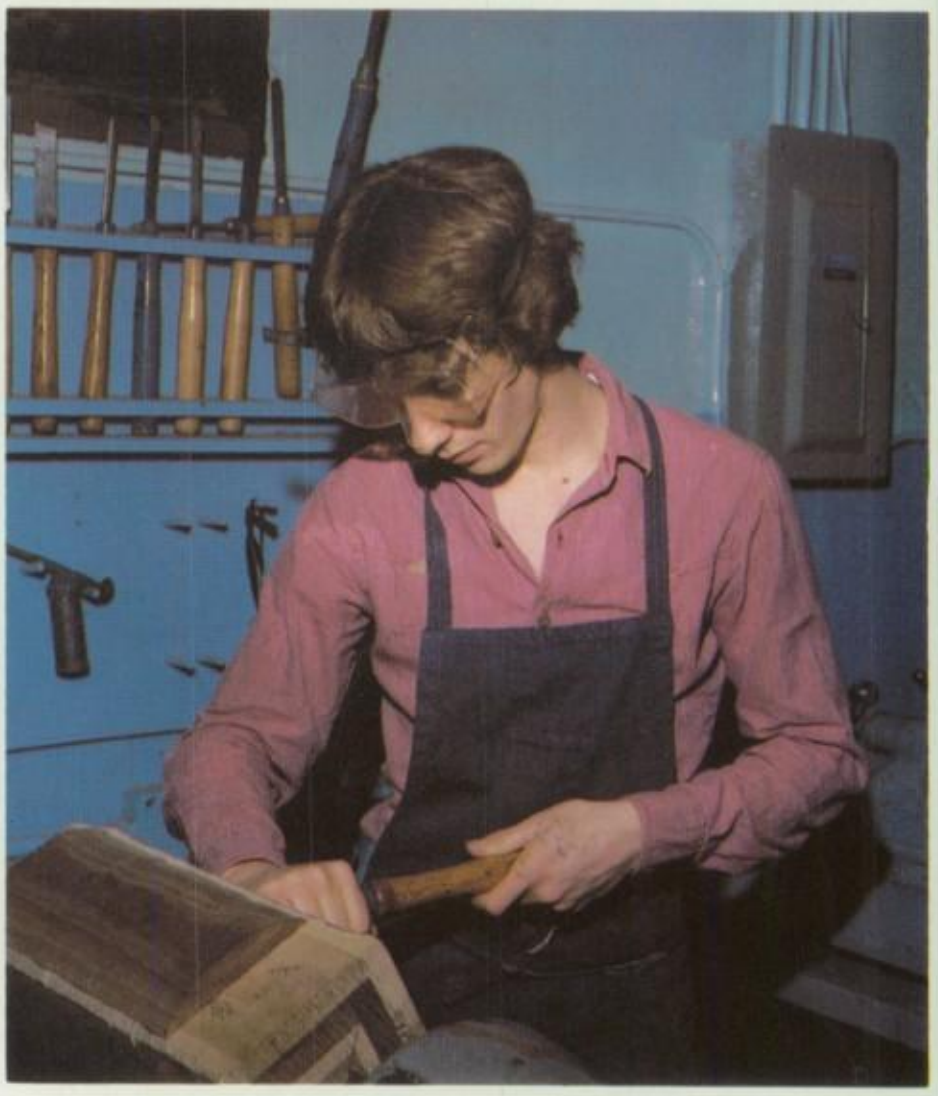
Seniors Set Standards for Future

The Student Council, led by the senior members, kept the St. Rita activities program dynamic and exciting throughout the entire year. The Council sponsored a Chicago Bears-St. Rita All Stars basketball game, an Easter trip to New Orleans (the first student trip in nearly ten years), an outdoor homecoming concert featuring "Freewheelin'," and a fund drive to help a Rita alumnus seriously injured in a car accident.

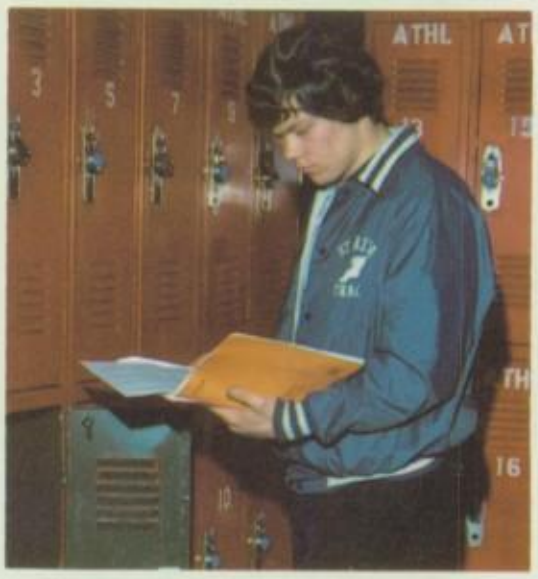
Under the direction of senior chief editors, the Ritan was once again rated All-American, placing it among the top 100 high school newspapers in the country. For the first time the paper also achieved five marks of distinction — originality of topic, layout, writing, opinion leadership, and photography. The marks of distinction have now put within sight the achievement of the Pacesetter ranking, which would place the Ritan among the very top newspapers in the country.

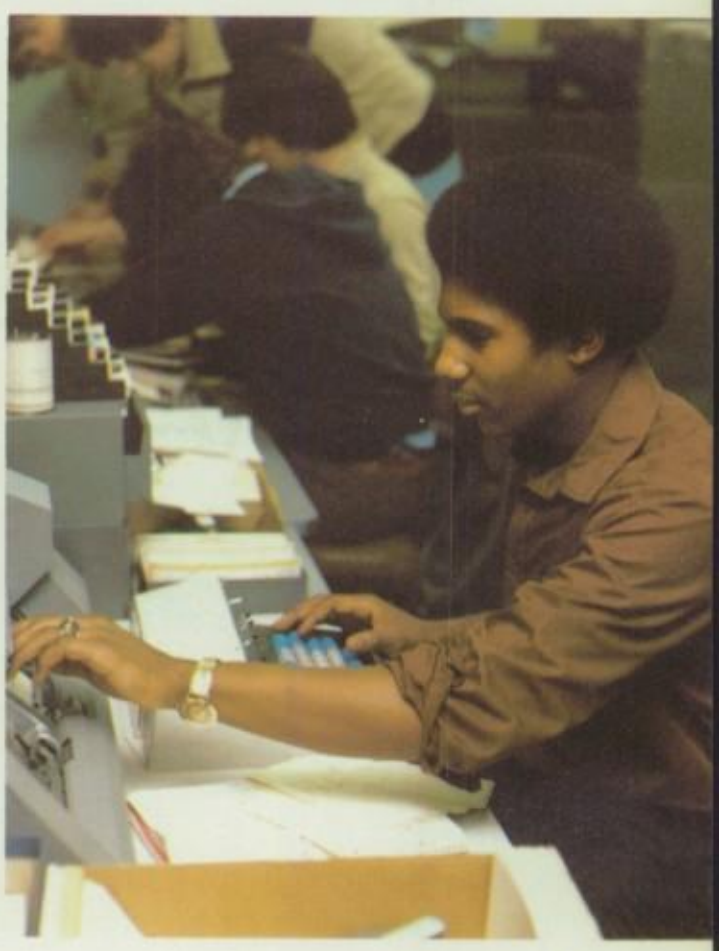
Finally, the Class of '80 was greatly responsible for the successful celebration of St. Rita's 75th Anniversary.





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: (1) Ed Duffy pounds through the Loyola defense to set up a last quarter scoring drive against Loyola; (2) Ed Piorkowski checks his track schedule to see what upcoming competition he will be facing in Spring; (3) Rayard Herron duplicates an IBM card on one of the Data Center's many keypunch machines; (4) Mr. Mustang and Bill Baker are a step ahead of the crowd when it comes to homecoming spirit; (5) Pat Shea works on a semester project on a lathe for woodshop; (6) Dennis Arrigo tackles an abstract watercolor painting during Brother Joe's Art Class; (7) Hockey players listen intently to some last minute words of advice from Coach Misiora before the start of the game; (8) Greg Mitchell and Jim Lick: casket carriers mourning the death of homecoming opponent, St. Laurence.





70% Gather for Senior Prom Festivities

Stanley Mikos
Gustavo Mora
Glenn Oblazny

Timothy Mikota
David Moritz
Jeffrey O'Dowd

Theodore Mikrut
Gregory Mroz
Terrence Odriscoll

Derrick Milner
Michael Murnane
Timothy Olson

Anthony Montesano
John Nieciak
Frank Omastiak

Michael Orlandini
Robert Owens
Thomas Oziemkowski
Daniel Parker

Joseph Patzin
Stanley Pawlak
Roland Perpignan
John Petrosius

Seniors Graduate With Confidence

Edward Piorkowski
Michael Rasmason
Beneto Romanini

Dominic Prate
Daniel Ricci
Alvaro Romero

David Preissler
Thomas Richards
John Ruikis

Mario Rabaza
Steven Richter
Michael Ruiz

John Rahilly
Gerald Riles
Donald Russell

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Zbigniew Sekula

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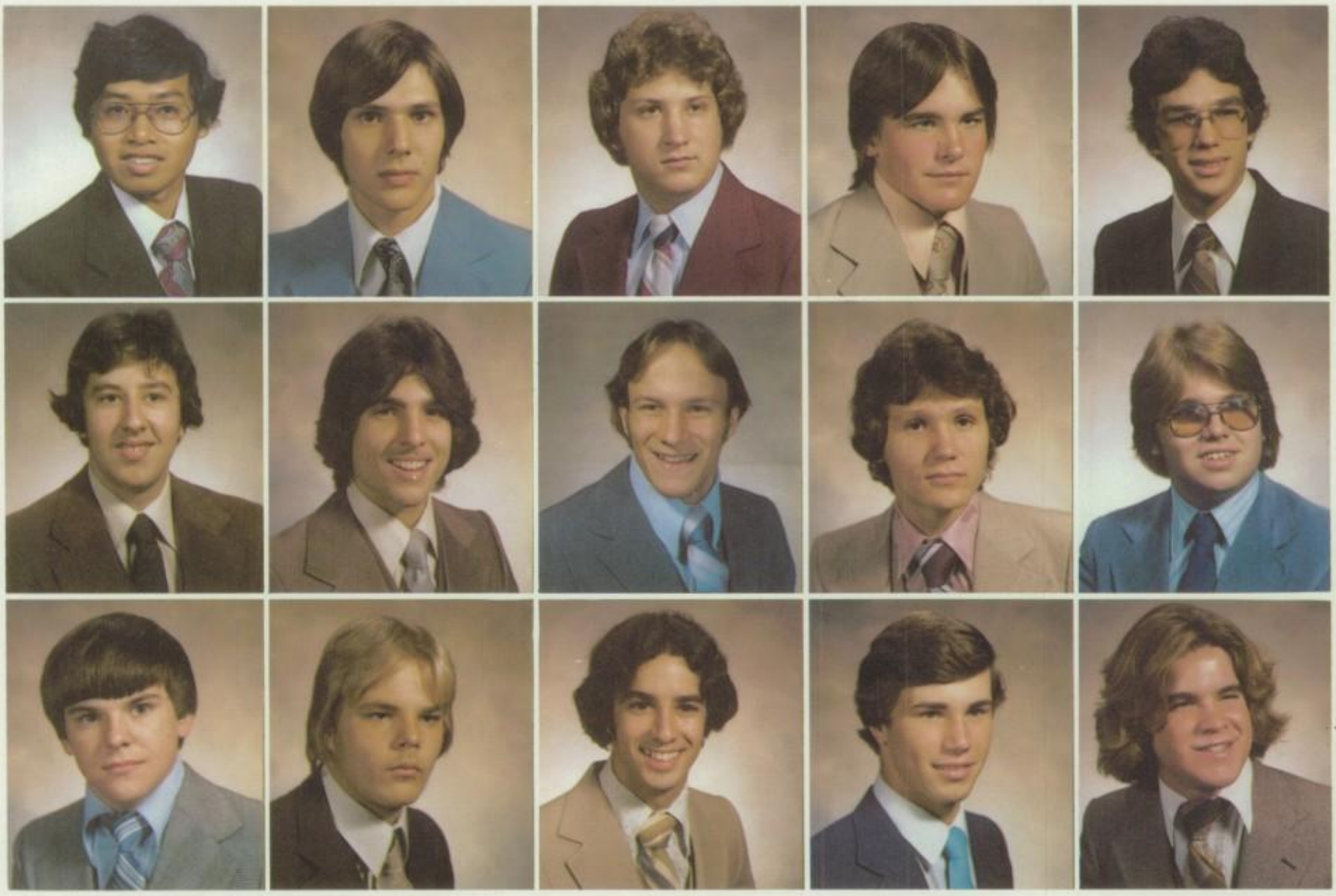
Daniel Sheehan
Michael Shilney

Class of '80: Newest Alumni Addition



Komkrit Sirirat
David Stanly
Daniel Sullivan

Victor Skrip
Albert Stronczek
Daniel Surma

David Sobolewski
Brad Stubitsch
Joseph Tarpey

Thomas Sobun
Chester Studnicki
Steven Taylor

James Stancik
Albert Sudzus
John Tejkowski

Joseph Tenn
Anthony Thomas
Mark Thomas
James Thomaston

James Togher
Gary Totosz
Arturo Trevino
Timothy Turcich

Rita Tradition Followed by 4th Year Men

Mario Turnage
Ignatius Villasenor

Thomas Twardowski
Gerald Vohasek

Andrew Tyzenhaus
Andrew Wagner

Louis Valentine
Brian Walsh

Ernesto Velasco
Thomas Walsh

Lawrence Walter
Stanley Wardinski
David Wieczorek
David Wiencek

Paul Williams
Terrence Wilson
Kenneth Wojciak
Steven Wojciak

Daniel Zahora
John Zielinski
Stephen Zimecki
John Zydowicz

Senior Prom Is Biggest In A Decade

The 1980 St. Rita Senior Prom was attended by 144 fourth-year men, nearly 63% of the entire class, making it "the biggest and the best senior prom at Rita in a long long time," said Senior Class President Thomas Coffey.

Moderator Mr. Mike Kisicki especially praised "the hard work, dedication and leadership provided by Ed Duffy and Tom Coffey in making this prom so successful."

"Click" entertained the crowd at the prom, held from 7:00 to 12:30 p.m. at the Jane Adams Room of McCormick Place On The Lake.

Besides the 144 seniors and their dates, Kisicki was proud that the faculty — including Principal Fr. David Brecht, Vice-Principals Fr. William Neis and Fr. Pat Murphy, and Br. Joe Fisher, Br. Mike Schweifler, Ms. Sue Whooley, Mr. Tom O'Malley, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Genge and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brodnicki all attended the prom.

The theme of the '80 prom was "This Is It," from the song popularized by Kenny Loggins; and a free bid and a red-stoned, engraved necklace was given to each of the senior's dates as they entered.

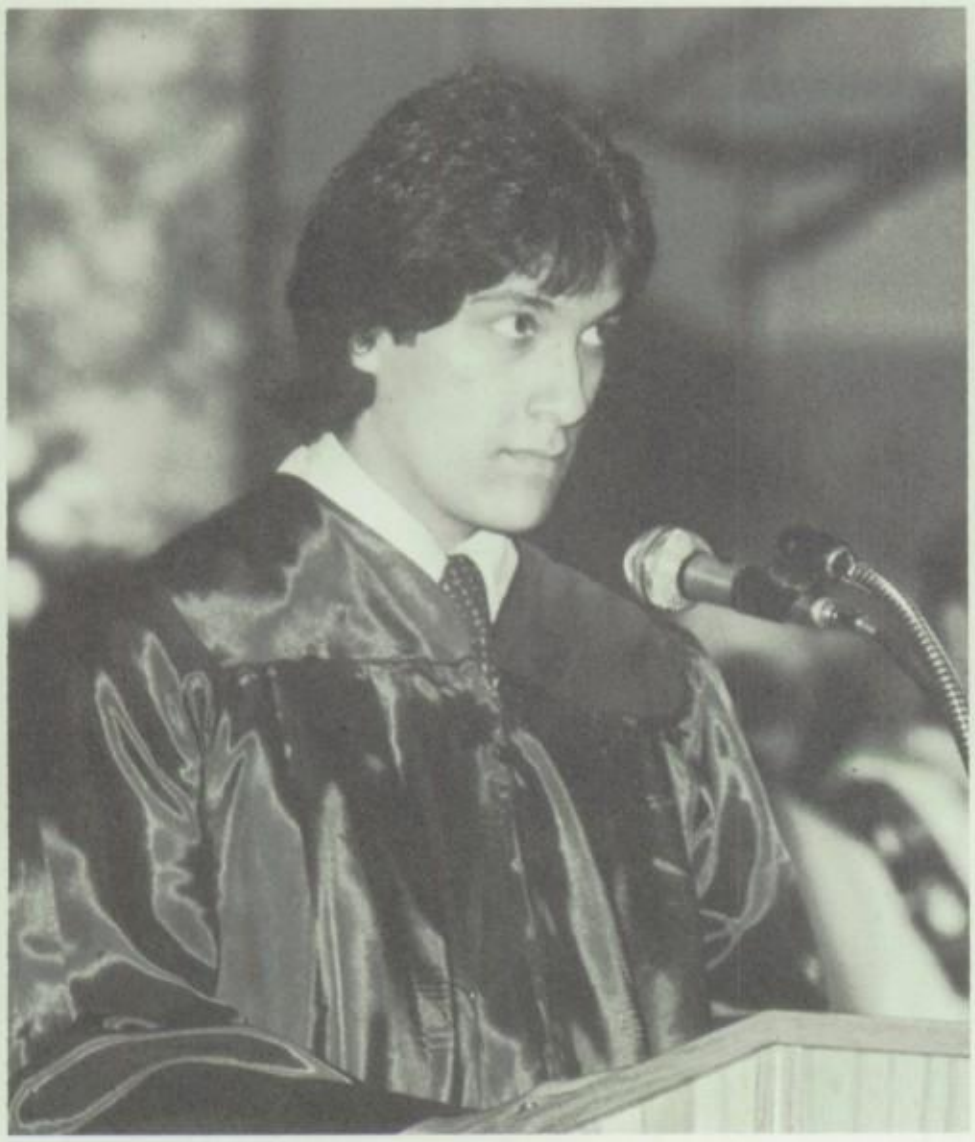
"It'll be something I'll always remember. It was a great senior prom" ended Coffey.

Rich Dziallo and his date relax before dinner at the 1980 St. Rita Senior Prom.

"Click" blasts out the rock and roll tones of the Knack's "My Sharona" . . .

. . . as the senior crowd, led by John Ruikis and his date, clap their hands and dance.

226 Graduate In Rita Class Of 1980



Graduation Mass Commentator senior Al Romero addresses the crowded church.

226 seniors graduated from St. Rita High School in commencement exercises held on Monday, May 26, 1980, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Rita Church.

"This was among the best senior classes we have ever graduated, and they will be missed," noted Vice-Principal Joseph F. Bamberger.

40 of the seniors graduated with honors, and a total of 42 college and state scholarships, financial and honorary, were earned by the Class of 1980.

Graduation speaker Fahey Flynn reminded the graduates that "the 'they' you once complained about are now 'you' — you are the 'they' that will determine the future of the nation and the world."

Rev. John Flynn, Augustinian Provincial, was on hand at the mass celebrated by Prior Rev. Donald Harkabus and whose music was orchestrated by Br. Mark Thedens.

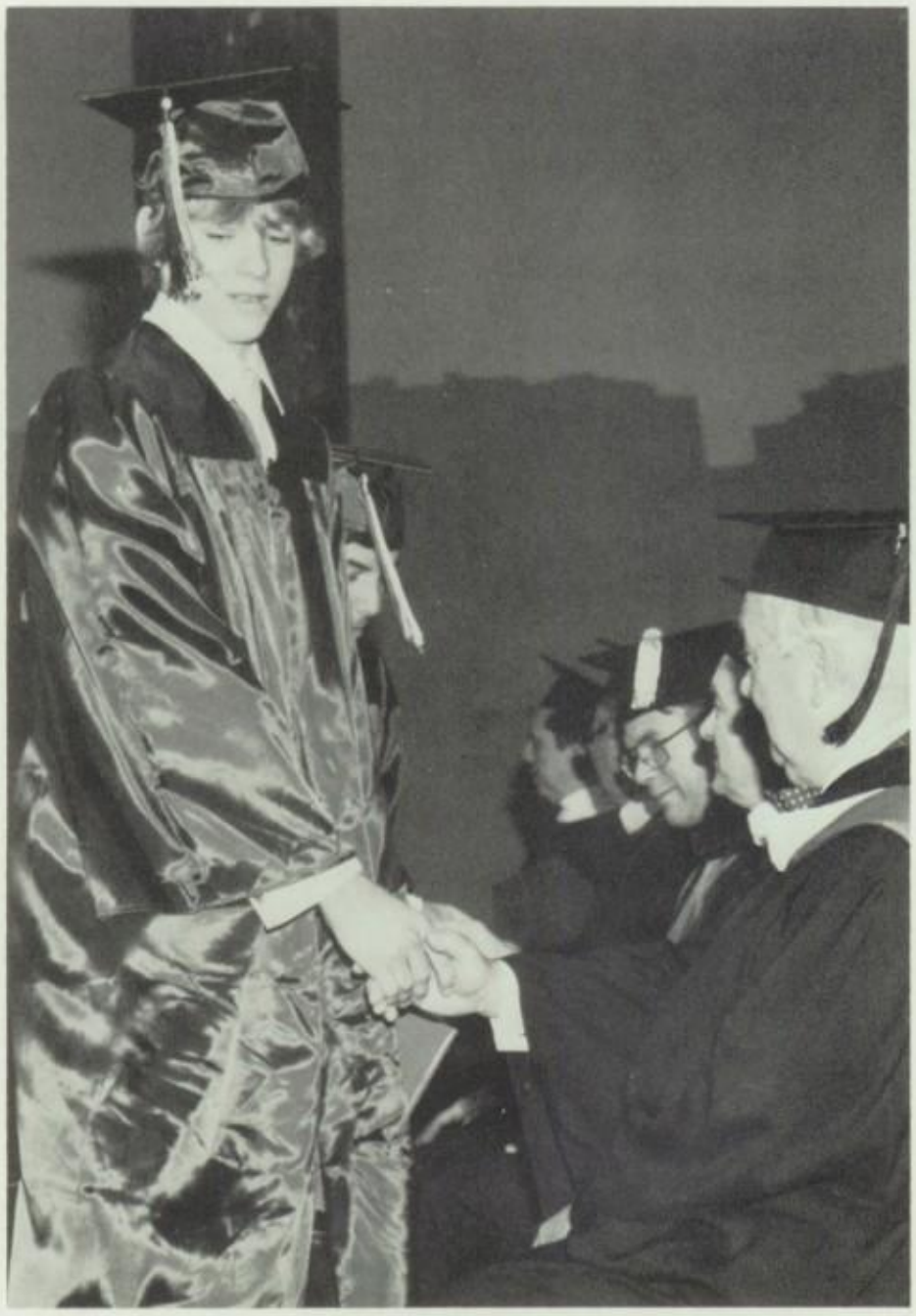
Graduation award-winners included Michael Macuga and Michael Orlandini (Theology); Guillermo Hernandez (Conduct); Mark Marion and Steven Taylor (Science); Thomas Sobun and Sean Bronzell (English); Robert Devaney, Stanley Mikos and Marion (Math), George Mach and Sobun (Social Studies); and Marion and Devaney (Languages).

Also Taylor and Paul Cronin (Business); Thomas Coffey and a posthumous award to Edward Duffy (Activities); Joseph Patzin and Mach (Athletics); Steven Kordelewski (Band); Joseph Doweiko (Chorus); Sean Bronzell, Vitas Briedis, Michael Salvador, William Maurer and Al Romero (Journalism); and Ignatius Villasenor (Lorenz Award).

A touching five-minute standing ovation greeted Mr. and Mrs. James Duffy as they accepted the diploma and the Gold Medal in Activities for their late son, Student Council President and football captain Edward Duffy, who tragically died nine days before graduation.

Awards for service to the Band, to the Chorus, and for Academic Excellence were also awarded by Mr. Bamberger and Principal Rev. David Brecht.

Well over 1500 people listen attentively to Romero's reading during the Epistle of the 1980 St. Rita Commencement Exercises, the 73rd in the school's long history.



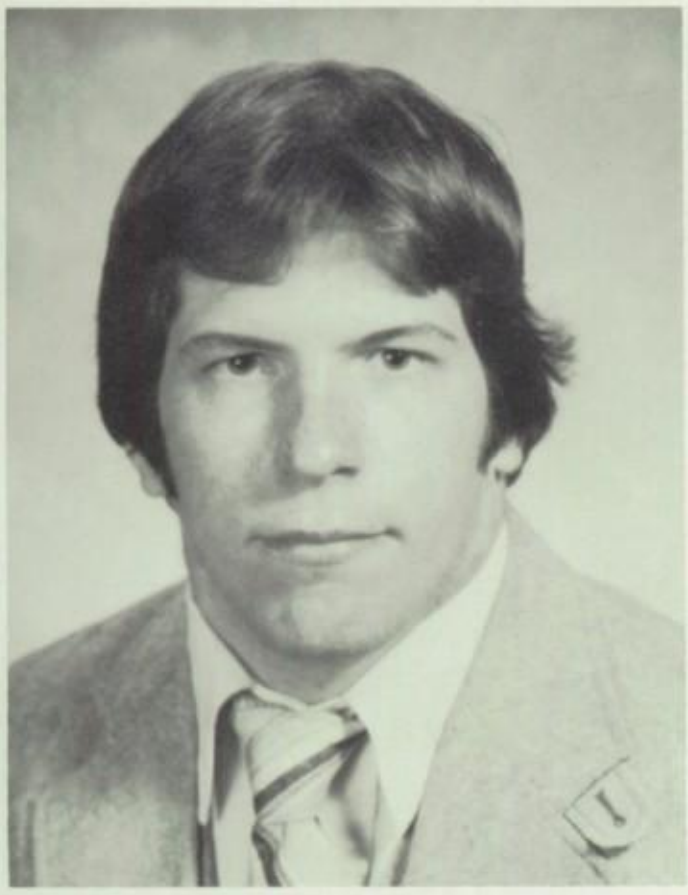
William Bailey receives his diploma and a handshake from guest speaker Fahey Flynn.

"You are the 'they' that will determine the future" — Fahey Flynn to graduates.

Mr. and Mrs. James Duffy bring up the gifts of bread and wine before communion of graduation Mass.

Principal Fr. David Brecht — "You were among our best. You will be missed."

In Memoriam — Edward William Duffy



"More than any other student to ever walk the halls of St. Rita, Ed Duffy was the spirit and the example of everything our high school stands for" — "In Memoriam" by Mr. Mike Kisicki, 1980 Graduation.

Ed Duffy came to St. Rita High School in September 1976 and he left us all too soon.

The heavily-recruited football star from St. Rita grammar school brought his magic and his laughter, his athletic talent and his strong leadership to St. Rita High school in a way that will never be forgotten.

"He was the Tom Sawyer and the Paul Bunyan of St. Rita. He was the mayor of 63rd Street, with a touch of Falstaff, Robin Hood, Mayor Daley and Babe Ruth" — Ray Sons, Chicago Sun-Times, May 20, 1980.

Ed played football on a Rita freshman team that went 2-6 in 1976 and on a sophomore team that went 0-5 in 1977.

Ed became captain of a team that won the Illinois State Championship and was 13-0 in 1978, and who were South Section Champions and 8-2-0 in 1979.

"This is a terrible blow. Ed was a super kid" — Head Football Coach Pat Cronin.

Ed was the President of the Junior Class in 1978-79. He sold 1100 tickets for an 800-seat gym to raise funds for the junior prom. He ran for President of the Student Council in 1979. He won hands down.

"He was the best man. I'm glad he won. He was the best student leader this school ever had" — Defeated candidate and fellow senior Al Romero.

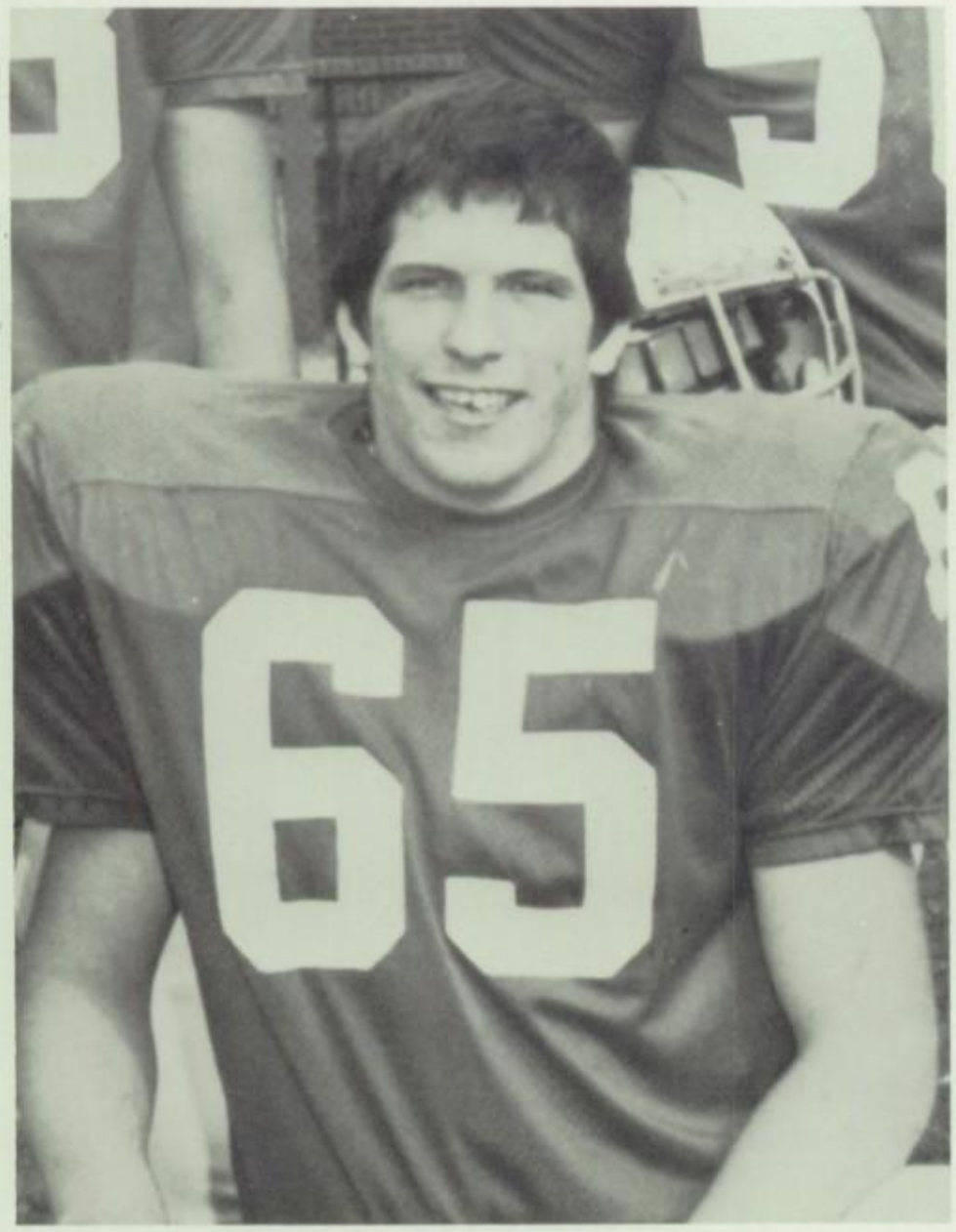
As Council President he reorganized the Council, revived the Student Senate, he sponsored Homecoming, nine dances, the largest senior prom in a decade, a student newsletter. He presented over 25 proposals to the Administration, personally, on behalf of the Senate and the students. He raised $1300 for paralyzed graduate Johnny Dal Camo. He was "Mister Mustang."

And then, in a tragic seaside accident in Florida, he was gone forever.

"We don't write the rules. I don't know why he was killed" — Mrs. Thomas Byrne.

"He is now with the Great Coach, undoubtedly because Heaven needed a captain, and no one was in the same league as Duf . . ." — Fr. Richard McGrath, Funeral Mass, May 21, 1980.

EDWARD WILLIAM DUFFY
(January 5, 1962 — May 17, 1980.)



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Jose Alvarez — 2822 S. Pulaski; Assumption. Soccer 4.

John Amodei — 2953 S. Archer; St. Bridget. Chess 3-4; Intramurals 3-4; Illinois State Scholar 4; Math Tutors 4.

Stephen Anderson — 2342 W. Cullerton; St. Ann.

Dennis Arrigo — 2851 S. Union; St. David. Bowling 1; Football 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; Track 4.

Thomas Arundel — 6159 S. Maplewood; St. Rita. Baseball 1-4; Football 1-4; Intramurals 1-4; Sophomore President; Vice-President Junior Class; Student Council Vice-President.

Mark Bacarella — 8330 S. Kolin; St. Bede. Bowling 2; Intramurals 1-4; Manager Freshman Football.

Bill Baker — 8020 W. 107th; Sacred Heart; Basketball Manager 1-4.

Edward Barrett — 6325 S. Whipple; St. Rita. Football 1-4; Intramurals 1-4; Track 1-4; Senior Class Secretary.

James Berk — 2155 W. 117th Pl., St. Walter. Ski Club 4.

Keith Berls — 7938 S. Albany; St. Thomas More. Football 1-2; Intramurals 1-3; Knights of Augustine 2-3; Track 2-3.

Dave Bernard — 7763 S. Kilbourn; St. Bede. Cross Country 2; Track 2.

Mark Bobek — 6031 S. Massasoit; St. Symphorosa. Bowling 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4; Ski Club 4.

Brian Bonnett — 10843 S. St. Louis; St. Christina. Basketball 1-4.

David Botica — 3129 S. Wallace; All Saints-St. Anthony. Bowling 1-4; Chorus 2.

Vitas Briedis — 11256 S. Troy; St. Christina. Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4; Ritan 1-4; Track 1.

Sean Bronzell — 8141 S. Newcastle; St. Gerald. Cross Country 1; Intramurals 1-2; Illinois State Scholar 4; Literary Journal 4; Math Club 4; National Honor Society 4; Ritan 1-4; Track 1.

Kevin Burke — 8543 S. Tripp; St. Bede. Football 4; Intramurals 1-4.

Daniel Claderone — 6118 S. McVicker; St. Symphorosa. Intramurals 1-2; Track 2-3.

Gregory Camerino — 3251 W. 65th; St. Nicholas. Band 1-4.

James Carney — 6206 S. Francisco; St. Rita. Basketball 1-4; Intramurals 1-2; Track 1.

Paul Cartee — 3030 S. Kedvale; Good Shepherd. Cross Country 2-4; Track 1-4; Student Council Treasurer.

Eric Chavez — 3255 S. Keeler; Good Shepherd. Cross Country 3-4; Track 2-3.

Tony Chiappetta — 2354 S. Oakley; St. Michael. Intramurals 1-2; Soccer 1-4.

Arthur Cholly — 8327 S. Komensky; St. Bede.

John Chruscinsk — 2535 W. 45th Pl.; Five Holy Martyrs.

Thomas Coffey — 6627 S. Kilpatrick; St. Mary Star of the Sea. Baseball 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; Senior Class President.

Robert Conners — 6746 S. Artesian; St. Adrian. Bowling 3; Chorus 4; Intramurals 1-2.

John Cooney — 6339 S. Lorel; St. Symphorosa. Baseball 2-4.

Jim Coronado — 2105 W. 18th Pl.; St. Ann. National Honor Society 4; Tennis 4.

Steven Cosgrove — 4016 W. 83rd; St. Bede. Football 1.

Tom Dachota — 2933 W. 71st; Nativity BVM. Basketball 1-4.

Michael Davoren — 608 W. 47th Pl.; St. Martini Lutheran. Cross Country 1-4; Track 1-3.

Craig Delaney — 1644 E. 87th Pl.; St. Felicitas. Basketball 2-4; Intramurals 2.

Marco Delgado — 2642 S. Sacramento; St. Ludmilla. Band 1-3; Cascian 1; Guitar Club 4.

Thomas Deuter — Band 2; Bowling 3; Intramurals 1; Knights of Augustine 1.

Robert Devaney — 5658 S. Troy; St. Gall. Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4.

Robert Diamond — 5150 S. Maplewood; St. Clare. Cross Country 1-4; Guitar Club 4; Intramurals 1; Track 1-3.

Richard Dix — 9432 S. Massasoit; St. Gerald. Football 1-4; National Honor Society 4; Track 1-4.

James Donohue — 6351 S. Kilpatrick; St. Mary Star of the Sea.

George Dominiak — 8325 S. Karlov; St. Bede. Band 1-4; Basketball 1; Intramurals 1-4; Knights of Augustine 2.

Joseph Doweiko — 4056 S. Brighton Pl.; Immaculate Conception. Bowling 1-4; Chorus 2-4.

Kevin Dryier — 6024 S. Mozart; St. Rita. Basketball 1-2; Intramurals 1-4.

Michael Dubrock — 816 W. 34th; St. George.

Edward Duffy — 6019 S. Artesian; St. Rita. Football 1-4; Hockey 4; Intramurals 1-4; Junior Class President; Student Council President.

Thomas Dybas — 6240 S. Melvina; St. Symphorosa. Intramurals 4.

Matthew Dwyer — 6005 S. Campbell; St. Rita. Band 1-4; Chorus 1; Knights of Augustine 3-4; S.B.S. 1.

Michael Eden — 6034 S. Mozart; St. Rita. Intramurals 1-2.

Frank Eschbach — 3725 W. 83rd Pl.; St. Denis.

Sergio Escobedo — 2448 S. Ridgeway; St. Casimir. Intramurals 1-2.

Malachy Feeley — 5841 S. Artesian; St. Rita. Baseball 3-4; Intramurals 1-4; Ritan 1-2.

Joseph Felonk — 6146 S. Maplewood; St. Rita. Aviation 1.

Joel Finlon — 6528 S. Kolin; St. Mary Star of the Sea.

Gary Fortier — 5725 S. St. Louis; St. Gall; Intramurals 1-4.

Theodore Francis — 3536 W. 81st; St. Rita. Football 1-4; Intramurals 1-4; Track 1-3; Sophomore Class Vice-President.

Robert Fuente — 7013 S. Talman; St. Basil. Intramurals 1-4; Soccer 3; Track 2.

Martin Gallagher — 3817 W. 70th; Queen of the Universe. Football 1-2; Intramurals 1-4; Track 1-2.

Jeffrey Garla — 6825 S. Artesian; Nativity BVM. Intramurals 1-2.

Ronald Gatto — 3124 W. 54th; St. Gall. Chorus 1; Football 1-4; Intramurals 1-4; Track 2-4.

James Gavin — 5837 S. Rickwell; St. Clare. Cross Country 1-2; Intramurals 1-3; Track 1-4.

Arthur Gazda — 5620 S. Spaulding; St. Gall. Baseball 3-4; Football 1; Intramurals 1-4; National Honor Society 4.

John Gemmellaro — 6100 W. 64th; St. Symphorosa. Aviation 1; Intramurals 2; Ritan 1.

Rolando Gonzalex — 2426 S. Troy; St. Casimir.

Timothy Gronkowski — 4537 S. Halsted; St. Gabriel. Cross Country 2-4; Guitar Club 4; Intramurals 1-3; Illinois State Scholar 4; Track 2-3; National Honor Society 4.

Daniel Gumienny — 5959 S. Artesian; St. Rita. Band 4.

Kevin Halligan — 2808 S. Hamlin; Blessed Agnes.

Robert Hayes — 6218 S. Maplewood; St. Rita. Intramurals 1-2; Knights of Augustine 2.

Frank Haynes — 8621 S. Kilbourn; St. Bede. Soccer 4.

Edward Healy — 3745 W. 60th; St. Rita. Bowling 3-4; Cross Country 1-2; Track 1-2.

Thomas Heller — 1906 S. 60th Ct; St. Francis of Rome. Aviation 2; Pep Club 1-4; Bingo Worker 1-4; School Horse 4.

Rayard Herron — 5604 S. Honore; St. Raphael. Baseball 2; Cross Country 1; Intramurals 1-4; Track 1-2.

Guillermo Hernandez — 2752 S. Drake; Blessed Agnes. Band 1-4.

Francis Hickey — 8039 S. Artesian; St. Thomas More. Baseball 2; Bowling 2; Golf 4; Hockey 2-4; Intramurals 1-4.

Jeffrey Hollander — 6922 S. Karlov; Queen of the Universe. Bowling 2; Intramurals 1.

Patrick Houlihan — 6524 W. 63rd; St. Adrian. Band 1; Baseball 1; Basketball 1; Intramurals 4; Radio Club 1; Ski Club 4.

James Huddleston — 5729 S. Troy; St. Gall.

Michael Ivanauskas — 5628 S. California; St. Clare. Bowling 1; Chorus 1-4; Golf 4; Intramurals 1-4.

David Jatczak — 6321 S. Keeler; St. Mary Star of the Sea.

Bowling 1-4; Electronics Club 4; Intramurals 1-4.

Leo Jonikas — 6616 S. Washtenaw; Nativity BVM. Basketball 1; Intramurals 1-2; Soccer 1-4.

Richard Justich — 3504 W. 81st Pl.; St. Denis. Intramurals 4.

Frank Kampwirth — 3420 W. 54th Pl.; St. Gall. Band 2; Electronics Club 1.

Steve Kardas — 5130 S. Parkside; St. Joseph and St. Anne. Chorus 1-4; Hockey 2-4.

Patrick Kenny — 7209 S. Harding; Queen of the Universe.

Michael Kevin — 6045 S. Talman; St. Rita.

William Kirkolis — 5439 S. 72nd Ct.; St. Joseph. Football 1; Guitar Club 4; Intramurals 1-3; Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4; Freshman Class Vice-President.

Terrance Knight — 6232 S. Claremont; St. Justin Martyr. Band 1-4; Intramurals 2.

Christopher Knowski — 4418 S. Albany; Five Holy Martyrs. Intramurals 1-2.

Thomas Koch — 2536 W. 11th; St. Cajetan.

Eugene Kochniarczyk — 1906 W. 22nd Pl., St. Michael. Hockey 2-4; Intramurals 1-3.

Steven Kordelewski — 6041 S. Mason; St. Symphorosa; Band 4.

Michael Kozak — 2408 S. Oakley; Our Lady of Vilna.

James Kress — 3451 W. 115th St.; St. Christina. Band 1-3; Baseball 2-4; Bowling 1-2; Football 1; Intramurals 1-4.

Kenneth Kruszynski — 5806 S. Mason; St. Symphorosa. Football 1-4.

Michael Kubiak — 5106 S. Paulina; St. Joseph. Bowling 1-4; Chorus 2; Intramurals 1-4.

Robert Kucinski — 3255 S. Hamlin; St. Joseph and St. Anne. Football 1-4; Hockey 1-4; Intramurals 1-4.

Michael Kutkowski — 3934 W. 68th St.; Queen of the Universe.

Michael Laird — 6624 W. 63rd Pl., St. Rene. Baseball 2-4; Football 1; Intramurals 1-4; Knights of Augustine 4; National Honor Society 4.

Mark Larson — 6124 S. Moody; St. Symphorosa. Bowling 4; Cross Country 1; Intramurals 1.

Kenneth Leifker — 3943 W. 83rd; St. Denis. Baseball 1; Football 1-4; Intramurals 1-4; Ski Club 4.

Joseph Lichay — 5531 S. Troy; St. Gall. Football 1-4; Intramurals 2-3; Track 1-2.

Vytautas Liskunas — 3716 W. Pippin; Nativity BVM. Basketball 1-4; Bowling 1; Intramurals 1-4; Ritan 1.

James Lonergan — 11301 S. Kedzie; St. Christina. Football 1-2.

Randy Maca — 5812 S. Washtenaw; St. Clare. Intramurals 1-4; Ski Club 4; Track 3.

George Mach — 5158 S. Melvina; St. Jane de Chantal. Football 1-4; Intramurals 1-4; Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4; Track 2.

Michael Macuga — 2933 S. Loomis; St. Bridget; Basketball 1; Intramurals 1-4.

Daniel Marciano — 6411 S. Washtenaw; St. Rita. Intramurals 1-4.

Vytenis Markevicius — 5809 S. Maplewood; St. Rita. Guitar Club 4; Illinois State Scholar 4.

Mark Marion — 3452 W. 60th St.; St. Nicholas of Tolentine. Band 1-4; Electronics 1; Illinois State Scholar 4; Math Club 1-4; National Honor Society 4.

Jeffrey Martin — 6707 W. 59th; St. Daniel.

William Maurer — 2908 W. 60th; St. Rita. Cascian 1-4; Intramurals 1-4; Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4; Photo Club 4; Ritan 3-4.

John McAleese — 6936 S. Artesian; St. Adrian. Baseball 1; Football 3; Hockey 1; Intramurals 3; Soccer 1; Track 3.

Martin McCormack — 10534 S. Maplewood; St. John Fisher. Football 1-4.

Charles McDermott — 5915 S. Normandy; St. Daniel. Soccer 2.

Clifford McGrail — 6012 S. Merriman; St. Symphorosa. Basketball 1; Intramurals 1-4.

Michael McNicholas — 5304 S. Artesian; St. Clare. Basketball 1-2; Chorus 2-3; Cross Country 2; Intramurals 1.

Francisco Mendoza — 2403 S. St. Louis; St. Casimir. Baseball 1-2; Intramurals 1-4.

Norman Meske — 7201 S. Troy; Queen of the Universe. Baseball 1-2; Intramurals 1-4; Ritan 1-2; Ski Club 4.

Anthony Mestan — 5137 S. Washtenaw; St. Simon. Football 3-4; Intramurals 1-4; Track 1; Senior Class Secretary.

Stanley Mikos — 2954 W. 38th Pl.; St. Pancratius. Band 1-4; Chorus 2; Electronics Club 2-3; Illinois State Scholar 4; Math Club 3-4; National Honor Society 4; Radio Club 2-3.

Timothy Mikota — 1221 W. 49th Pl.; St. Augustine. Bowling 1-3.

Theodore Mikrut — 6146 S. Moody; St. Symphorosa. Bowling 1-2; Guitar Club 4; Intramurals 1-4; Hockey 1-3; National Honor Society 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; Ski Club 4.

Gregory Mitchell — 6000 S. Wood; Basketball 1-4.

Anthony Montesano — 3127 S. Wells; Santa Lucia; Bowling 1.

Gustavo Mora — 2823 W. 22nd Pl.; Assumption BVM. Intramurals 1-2; Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4.

Dave Moritz — 3757 W. 63rd Pl.; St. Nicholas. Basketball 2; Football 2-4; Intramurals 1-4; Track 1-2.

Gregory Mroz — 6854 W. 63rd Pl.; St. Rene. Bowling 1; Chess 1; Intramurals 1-2.

Michael Murnane — 5344 S. Hoyne; St. Basil.

John Nieciak — 6152 S. Troy; St. Rita. Band 3; Intramurals

1; Ritan 3-4.

Glenn Oblanny — 4401 S. Mozart; Five Holy Martyrs. Electronics Club 1.

Jeff O'Dowd — 3301 S. Damen; St. Mary of Perpetual Help. Football 3-4; Intramurals 2.

Terrence O'Driscoll — 2728 W. 87th; St. Thomas More. Cross Country 1-2; Football 3; Intramurals 1-4; Track 1-2.

Timothy Olson — 6442 S. Komensky; St. Mary Star of the Sea. Baseball 1; Basketball 1-4; Biology Club 4; Intramurals 1; Pep Club 2; Radio Club 1; Track 1-2.

Frank Omastiak — 5347 S. Maplewood; St. Clare.

Michael Orlandini — 2336 S. Oakley; Our Lady of Vilna. Hockey 2; Soccer 1-2.

Robert Owens — 3744 W. 81st Pl.; St. Denis. Football 1; Intramurals 1-3; Ski Club 4.

Daniel Parker — 2422 W. 71st; St. Rita; Hockey 3.

Joseph Patzin — 6143 W. 64th; St. Symphorosa. Baseball 1-4; Hockey 1-4; Intramurals 1-4.

Joel Pavlik — 5937 S. Talman; St. Rita.

Stanley Pawlak — 2428 S. Whipple; St. Casimir. Baseball 1-4; Guitar Club 4; Intramurals 4; National Honor Society 4.

Roland Perpignan — 8842 S. Ada; St. Kilian; Basketball 2; Football 3; Track 3.

John Petrosius — 2246 W. 50th; Immaculate Conception. Band 1-4; Chess 2-3; Electronics Club 1-3; Photo Club 4; Radio Club 1-3; Ritan 1-2.

Edward Piorkowski — 3000 W. 54th Pl.; St. Gall. Bowling 1; Chorus 2; Cross Country 3; Football 1; Intramurals 1; Ski Club 4; Track 2.

Dominic Prate — 552 W. 37th; Nativity of Our Lord. Cross Country 2; Intramurals 4; Knights of Augustine 3; Ritan 2; Soccer 2; Track 1-4; Student Council Secretary.

Mario Rabaza — 2222 W. 23rd; St. Michael. Intramurals 1-4; National Honor Society 4; Soccer 1-4.

Joseph Radwan — 5527 S. Trumbull; St. Gall. Bowling 2; Cross Country 1; Radio Club 1.

John Rahilly — 3712 W. 58th St.; St. Nicholas. Hockey 1-4.

Michael Rasmeson — 10845 S. Harlem; Our Lady of the Ridge. Chess 1-3; Football 3; Ski Club 4.

Daniel Ricci — 5555 S. Mason; St. Jane de Chantal. Football 1-4; Intramurals 1-3; Track 1-3.

Thomas Richards — 5538 S. Austin; St. Symphorosa. Baseball 1; Bowling 1; Cross Country 1-3; Guitar Club 4; Hockey 1-2; Intramurals 1-3; Pep Club 1-2; Ski Club 4; Track 1-3.

Steve Richter — 8357 S. Kenton; St. Bede. Band 1; Intramurals 4.

Gerald Riles — 9258 S. Bishop; St. Ethelreda. Cross Country 1-3; Intramurals 1-3; Knights of Augustine 2; Pep Club 1-2; Track 1-3.

Alvaro Romero — 1820 S. Bishop; St. Procopius; Bowling 1-2; Cascian 1-4; Intramurals 1; Literary Journal 4; National Honor Society 4; Ritan 1, 4.

John Ruikis — 6328 S. Albany; Nativity BVM. Band 1; Illinois State Scholar 4; Ritan 1; S.B.S. 4; Soccer 3; Freshman Class Secretary.

Michael Ruiz — 2030 W. 21st; St. Ann. Intramurals 1-4.

Donald Russell — 4400 S. Kenilworth; St. Pius. Baseball 3-4; Basketball 2-3; Intramurals 2-4.

Michael Salvador — 2331 W. 23rd; St. Michael. Intramurals 1-2; Ritan 1-4; Ski Club 4.

Jay Schaller — 3714 S. Halsted; Nativity of Our Lord. Bowling 2; Intramurals 1-4.

Zbigniew Sekula — 6440 S. Kedvale; St. Mary Star of the Sea. Intramurals 1-2; Illinois State Scholar 4.

John Sheedy — 5812 S. Neva; St. Joseph. Hockey 1-4; Intramurals 2.

Daniel Sheehan — 3800 W. 83rd; St. Denis. Basketball 2; Intramurals 4.

Michael Shilney — 6043 S. Mayfield; St. Symphorosa. Cross Country 1-2; Intramurals 1-3; Track 1-2.

David Sobolewski — 4047 S. Rockwell; Five Holy Martyrs. Baseball 2; Bowling 1; Intramurals 2.

Thomas Sobun — 6017 S. Mayfield; St. Symphorosa. Football 1-2; Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4; Ski Club 4; Track 1-2; Freshman Class President; Sophomore Class President.

James Stancik — 8030 S. Spaulding; St. Clare. Chorus 2; Intramurals 1-4; Pep Club 3; Ski Club 4.

David Stanly — 5545 S. Talman; St. Clare. Bowling 1; Ritan 3-4; Ski Club 4; Tennis 3-4.

Brad Stubitsch — 3001 W. 53rd; St. Simon. Football 1-4; Intramurals 1-2.

Chester Studnicki — 4330 S. Paulina; Sacred Heart. Electronics Club 1.

Al Sudzus — 4357 S. Honore; Sacred Heart. Bowling 1-2; Guitar Club 4; Intramurals 1-2; Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4; Ski Club 4.

Daniel Sullivan — 3815 W. 104th; Queen of Martyrs. Baseball 2-3; Football 2-4; Golf 4; Intramurals 1-4; Tennis 3; Track 1-2.

Joseph Tarpey — 10505 S. Longwood; St. Barnabas.

John Tejkowski — 6040 S. Rockwell; St. Rita.

Joseph Tenn — 6720 S. Artesian; St. Adrian; Ritan 1; Track 1.

Mark Thomas — 8255 Hooly Ct.; Sacred Heart. Chorus 4; Hockey 1-4.

Tony Thomas — 6813 S. Kilbourn; St. Mary Star of the Sea. Basketball 1; Hockey 1.

James Thomaston — 4552 S. Emerald; St. Gabriel. Guitar Club 4.

Gary Totosz — 2237 W. 47th; Sacred Heart. Bowling 1-4; Intramurals 1-4.

Arturo Trevino — 3018 S. Komensky; Blessed Agnes.

Timothy Turcich — 10437 S. Laramie; St. Linus. Aviation 1-2; Bowling 2-4.

Mario Turnage — 6331 S. Seeley; St. Justin. Guitar Club 4; Hockey 3-4; Track 2-3.

Andrew Tyzenhaus — 6019 S. Albany; St. Rita. Football 1; Intramurals 1-4; Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4.

Andrew Wagner — 6025 S. Mozart; St. Rita. Baseball 1; Football 1-4; Intramurals 1-4; Track 1.

Thomas Walsh — 7722 S. Kostner; St. Bede. Intramurals 4.

Lawrence Walter — 4535 S. Richmond; Immaculate Conception. Cross Country 1; Track 1.

David Wieczorek — 5022 S. Campbell; St. Simon. Cross Country 2; Track 1-2.

David Wiencek — 3923 S. Artesian; St. Joseph and St. Anne. Ski Club 4.

Terrence Wilson — 6217 S. Richmond; St. Rita. Baseball 1; Football 1-4; Intramurals 1-4; Track 1.

Kenneth Wojciak — 6218 W. 64th; St. Rene; Baseball 2.

Steve Wojciak — 5814 S. Kenneth; St. Turibius. Cascian 1; Intramurals 4.

Ernesto Velasco — 2533 S. Homan; St. Ludmilla; Basketball 1; Intramurals 1-3.

Louis Valentine — 6832 S. Campbell; Baseball 2; Guitar Club 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; Ski Club 4; Track 2.

Ignatius Villasenor — 3228 W. 62nd Pl.; St. Nicholas. Cascian 1; Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4; Tennis 3-4.

Gerald Vohasek — 513 W. 44th Pl.; St. Gabriel. Bowling 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4; Ski Club 4.

Daniel Zahora — 5127 S. Maplewood; St. Simon. Intramurals 2; Illinois State Scholar 4; National Honor Society 4; Track 2.

John Zielinski — 10721 S. Kilbourn; St. Catherine of Alexandria. Cross Country 1-4; Intramurals 1-4; Track 2-3.

Stephen Zimecki — 2317 S. Sacramento; St. Casimir.

John Zydowicz — 4640 S. Sawyer; Five Holy Martyrs. Band 1-4.

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